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SOUTHWESTERN TEAMS COMBINE FOR 4 WINS **PAGE B1**

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Madison Municipal Airport upgraded to regional status

BY BOB DEMAREE

For the first time in the 60-year history of Madison Municipal Airport, the hilltop facility has been upgraded to regional status.

Throughout the life of the airport its status has been classified as either basic or local, but through growth and by meeting criteria specified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the airport is now one of 19 regional airports in Indiana that has 127 public-use aviation facilities.

"This achievement reflects years of dedication, strategic growth and the hard work of our team and aviation partners," said Airport Director Brent Spry. "Most importantly, it's a testament to the strength of our extraordinary aviation community. Without their passion and

support, none of this would be possible.

"Madison is growing, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to maintaining modern, industry-leading operations at the airport," Spry said. "I am deeply honored to work with such an exceptional team and a vibrant airport community — our shared passion shines through in every milestone we reach."

Established in 1964, Madison Municipal Airport features a 5,000-foot runway, has 38 hangars, 55 based aircraft and eight operational businesses, including aircraft maintenance, aircraft restoration, a flight school and a medical helicopter service.

The recognition is part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), a pro-

gram designed by the FAA to enhance the development, connectivity and safety of public-use airports across the nation. To achieve regional status, an airport must have 10 or more domestic flights over 500 miles, 1,000 or more instrument operations, and one or more based jets or 100 or more based aircraft.

The FAA sets the status of airports every two years. "You are recognized by the FAA for the types of operations you handle and because of that you get a little more of benefit from federal funding," said Spry. "It's something we want to retain because there are some benefits we want to retain, and we want to keep that going. I'm going to be pushing to keep the operations up."

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Madison Municipal Airport Manager Brent Spry standing in front of a jet engine of one of the planes based at the hilltop airport. The airport, based on its activity and facilities, was recently upgraded to one of 19 regional airports in Indiana.

Bob Demaree

FLYING SANTA



Photos by Bob Demaree

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrive at Madison Municipal Airport by airplane from the North Pole for a visit with children Saturday at the airport.



Above: Max Goode tells Santa Claus what's on his Christmas wish list Saturday at the Madison Municipal Airport. **Right:** Mrs. Claus waves to children while Santa rings his sleigh bells after both arrived at Madison Municipal Airport on Saturday to meet with children and their families.



Kellems says Krueger Lake campground a 'visionary project'

BY BOB DEMAREE

The decision to award \$3 million to develop a Krueger Lake campground at the former Jefferson Proving Ground is one that Kevin Kellems characterized as a "significant milestone" at last week's Jefferson County Council meeting.

The campground is one of three Jefferson County projects totaling

\$8.5 million approved earlier this month to receive funding from Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority and its allocation of \$45 million in Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) funds from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC).

Kellems, who represents Jeffer-

son County on the five-county Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority, said he believes the Krueger Lake campground will lead to the creation of a regional park.

"By adding a full hookup, high quality campground near Krueger Lake with access to U.S. 421 with



Kevin Kellems

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BPWS OKs purchase of city's first safety boat

BY BOB DEMAREE

The city of Madison obligated the last of its \$2.7 million American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds at Monday's meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety by agreeing to purchase a safety boat, investment in a stormwater plan for flood mitigation and electrical work at the Main Street Comfort Station.

"Our last meeting of 2024 was focused on the future of Madison with approving investments in flood mitigation, tourism, streets, historic preservation and public safety," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. "I want to thank our team of experts from Madison Fire and Madison Police who brought recommendations for the city's first emergency watercraft for the Port of Madison and the surrounding area. It has been a long-time goal to invest in our own river response capability. This watercraft brings substantial response capabilities for recreation, tourism, industrial, and commercial activities. The city is committed to improving its emergency preparedness by investing in training and equipment. 2025 is shaping up to be a great year already."

The \$328,785 cost of the safety boat, to be purchased from Munson Boats, will utilize \$100,000 that the city had previously earmarked from its ARP funds for the boat as a deposit. The remainder will be paid over the next two years in which Courtney said the city will be seeking safety grants, along with using some of the city's public safety tax dollars.

Madison Police Chief Shawn Scudder, who said the boat will likely take 18- to 24-months to build, said, "I'm completely confident we can fundraise the money for this."

The all-aluminum twin Mercury 150 horsepower boat will be 26-feet long and 8.5 feet wide with a 500 GPM pump. The boat weighs 6,280 pounds and has a carrying capacity of 2,600 pounds and includes thermal imaging and sonar.

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OBITUARY

Jacqueline ‘Jackie’ Lea Rivers Humphrey

Jacqueline “Jackie” Lea Rivers Humphrey, age 73, of Madison, IN, entered this life on November 21, 1951 in Crawfordsville, IN. Jackie died on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, at her home in Madison, IN, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Jacqueline will be missed by her loving son, Michael Humphrey and his wife, Melissa of Madison, IN; her companion of 23 years, John H. Berry of Madison, IN; her sister, Gwendolyn Henderson of Madison, IN; her nieces and her nephew, Chrissy, Sarah, and Scott; several cousins and other relatives. She was preceded in death

by her father, Orris Wayne “Pete” Rivers; her mother, Frances Elizabeth Caldwell Rivers, and her sister, Rhonda Freese. Friends may visit Saturday from 1 — 3 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research or Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Tammy Marie Cockrell, 60, of Hanover, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Cremation was chosen with no formal service at this time. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.
Alfred T. Craig, 80, of Carrollton, KY, died Dec. 12, 2024, in Carrollton. No formal services will be held. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home of Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral-home.com.
Anthony “Tony” England, 77, of Carrollton, KY, and formerly of the Elk Lake community in Owen County, KY, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Elk Creek Winery in Owen County. Arrangements by McDonald and New Funeral Home in Owenton, KY, www.mcdonaldandnew.com.
Carolyn Louise Powers Glauber, 82, of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, in Louisville. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church in Carrollton, with interment in the St. Johnn Catholic Church Cemetery there. Arrangements by Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home of Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral-home.com.
Bruce Brady Hampton, 62, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at Norton King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison, after a long battle with cancer.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at North Madison Christian Church in Madison. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post No. 9 American Legion and the U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial Unit. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.
James Alan Hehe, 52, of Vevay, IN, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at his residence. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.
James Harold “Jim” Job, 91, of Madison, IN, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Cremation was chosen. A memorial will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home in Louisville.
Mary Emma Cottrell Mefford, 91, of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at her home in Carrollton. Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home of Carrollton, with interment in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.
Dorothy Mae Courtney Sharon, 94, of Carrollton, KY, died Dec. 13, 2024, in Carrollton. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home of Carrollton, with interment in the Dallasburg Wheatley Cemetery in Wheatley, KY, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

December 12, 2024

Eric Steven Short, 44, Deputy, Indiana, on a body attachment warrant and on a warrant for probation violation. Bond \$2,500 cash.

December 13, 2024

Brett Lance Bennett, 33, Dupont, Indiana, on a parole hold warrant. No bond.

Shane A. Bottoms, 39, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and on a Bartholomew County warrant to hold for failure to appear (conversion). No bond.

Robert Donovan Walter Lowery, 41, Lexington, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated With a Minor Passenger and Neglect of a Dependent, both Level 6 felonies; Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

Ross Patrick Polley, 33, Madison, to serve 3 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

December 14, 2024

Jordan Charles Kinsler, 19, Hanover, for Attempted Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony; Battery and Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, both Class B misdemeanors; and Minor In Possession of Alcohol, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

Jonathan Bradly Robbins, 24, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

December 11, 2024

Ashley M. Hand, 43, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with no credit for time served plus 300 days of a previously suspended sentence for revocation of parole with credit for 158 days jail served and \$589 in fees and court costs.

Donnie Ray Bowen, 71, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 8 days jail, served, plus \$239 in fees and court costs.

Brandon James Davis, 29, Milton, Kentucky, for Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with no credit for time served and consecutive to suspended sentence for revocation of parole on previous conviction for intimidation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

December 12, 2024

Bobbie Pettit, 42, Hanover, revocation of pretrial diversion for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, with credit for 185 days served on home detention and 180 days suspended to supervised probation. Sentence to run consecutive to balance of suspended sentence for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 175 days direct commitment and 365 days probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Thomas S. Lyons II, 57, Greendale, Indiana, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; Possession of a Firearm by a Domestic Batterer, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony, fully executed, with credit for 383 days jail served, and concurrent to 365 days jail for gun possession and zero days jail for paraphernalia, plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Bobbie Pettit, 42, Hanover, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 32 days jail served, plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Nicolas James Smith, 28, Hanover, to amended charges of Strangulation and Neglect of a Dependent, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 530 days at Indiana Department of Correction for strangulation and 365 days at IDOC for neglect with 165 days executed and 365 suspended to supervised probation and no credit for time served with revocation of 180 days of previously suspended sentence for operating while intoxicated, plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Eric Michael Beckley, 45, Madison,

to an amended charge of Failure to Return to Lawful Detention, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with no credit for time served plus \$389 in fees and court costs and revocation of parole for previous operating while intoxicated conviction.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY December 12, 2024

Brian K. Thiering to Christopher A. Leighton and Riley M. Leighton, approximately 6.5 acres at 8144+ North U.S. 421, Madison.

Brian K. Thiering to Robert Hinton and Laura Hinton, approximately 3 acres at 8144+ North U.S. 421, Madison.

Michael Barry, Brian Barry and James F. Barry and Charlene A. Barry Revocable Living Trust to Charles W. Ashing III, approximately 2.8 acres at 3431 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Kenneth W. Garrett and Melinda D. Garrett to Logan Smoot and Adam Combs, approximately 3.5 acres at West Mels Lane, Hanover.

Fernando Diaz Carrasco to Fernando Diaz Jr., 5 acres at 7121 West Warman Road, Hanover.

Theodore W. Strahle to Wayne Miller and Susan Miller, 315 Crestwood Drive, Madison.

Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Inc. to Ralph David Cart and Diedre J. Cart, several parcels totaling approximately .35 of an acre at 14234 West Mulberry Street, Deputy.

December 13, 2024

Savannah Norris to George Butcher, 1395 East Wehner Drive, Madison.

Timothy R. Poe and Lola J. Poe to Matthew C. Stokes, 4343 East Pleasant Ridge Road, Madison.

John Steven Etherton to Shun Pike Farm LLC, approximately 171 acres at 4000, 4508 and 4621 North Shun Pike, Madison and 602 Clifty Drive, Madison.

John Steven Etherton to Shun Pike Farm LLC (1/2 interest), approximately 400 acres at 300 West Dawson Smith Road, Madison, 97 East 400 North, Madison, 1000 West 5000 North, Madison, and 4000 North U.S. 421, Madison.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

MCHS Christmas Concert

Madison Consolidated High School
Opal Sherman Auditorium
743 Clifty Drive, Madison
Thursday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
Madison Consolidated High School choir and band perform a Christmas concert at Opal Sherman Auditorium.

Hanover Christmas Celebration

Hanover Community Building
200 Spruce Lane, Hanover
Friday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Reindeer games will feature fun, Christmas-themed games for kids of all age. Cookie decorating and more. The Grinch will be available for photos starting at 6 p.m. then will read “How

the Grinch Stole Christmas” at 7:30 p.m.

ART EXHIBIT

Exhibits at the SPOT
326 Mulberry Street, Madison
Through Jan. 2
Madison Area Arts Alliance will have three holiday exhibits through Jan. 2 — a large collection of paintings by Hoosier Folk Artist Betty Manning, known as Miss Betty; student-aged art by the Creatives, and Winter Solstice Showcase works by William E. Barnes, Carol Brennertobe, J. Wright, Bonnie Peugeot Meadows, Jane Vonderheide, Patty Cooper Wells, Beejay Elles, Jensen Bowker, and Sara Wines. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to

3 p.m. with the exception of Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS Salvation Army Food Bank

331 East Main St.
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East 2nd St., Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity United Methodist Church
412 W. Main St., Madison
Mondays 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing

to those in need. For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Hanover Senior Citizens Center

Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.

Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison Senior Citizens Center

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6.

Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

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BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

DECEMBER 17

Larry Duke
John Haskell

DECEMBER 18

Julie King Byrd-Jenkins

DECEMBER 19

Jak McCormick

DECEMBER 20

Matt Brawner

DECEMBER 22

Jeff Ayler

DECEMBER 24

Luanne McCammon

DECEMBER 26

Roger Fuhrman

DECEMBER 27

Rusty Bladen
Terry King

DECEMBER 28

Betsey Vonderheide

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:52 a.m.
Sunset: 5:23 p.m.
Temperature: High 60, Low 36, Mean 48.0, Excess 8.9
Precipitation since last published: .54
Precipitation, December 2024: 1.19
Precipitation, 2024: 41.33
Barometer: 29.92, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 424.70, Rising
Forecast: Wednesday: Rain High 45/Low 32; Thursday: Mostly cloudy High 41/Low 33; Friday: Cloudy High 35/Low 23.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 2-13-16-20-26-32 (12/14). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$32.3 million. Next Drawing (12/18).
Cash Five: 15-17-26-27-29 (12/15)
Cash 4 Life: 1-18-22-29-39 CB: 1 (12/15)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 19-20-21-28 CB 15 (12/15)
Lucky For Life: 9-12-22-36-45 LB: 3 (12/15)

POWERBALL
12-17-23-52-67 PB: 1, PP 2 (12/14). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$55 million. Next Drawing (12/16)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 12-16-36-55-64 PB: 3 (12/14). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/16)

MEGAMILLIONS
36-43-52-58-65 MB: 16, MP 3 (12/13). Next Jackpot: \$740 million. Next Drawing (12/17)

OBITUARIES

Robert ‘Bob’ Trimble

Robert “Bob” Trimble, was born in Carlisle, IN, on Jan. 10, 1930, the son of John William Trimble and Betsy Shake Trimble and the youngest brother to Margaret, Rush, and Ralph Trimble. He grew up on the family farm, milking cows by hand, and plowing fields behind a horse. Bob graduated from Carlisle High School in 1948. The day after he graduated, he left home to work in the Goodyear Tire plant in Indianapolis. He enrolled at Indiana University in Bloomington that Sept. and worked multiple jobs to pay for his undergraduate education. At IU Bob met Barbara Schubert. Both majored in Spanish. They were wed in Sept. 1954, a loving marriage that lasted over 60 years. Bob served as an officer in the U.S. Navy in Alaska, and aboard the Battleship New Jersey in the Mediterranean, where he got to practice his foreign language skills in Spain, and Portugal. After his service, Bob returned to Indiana University, where he earned his Master’s degree and PhD in Spanish Language and Literature. He taught at Purdue University and IU before being recruited to Hanover College, where he taught Spanish, Portuguese, Spanish literature, and Latin American History for 33 years (1961 — 1994). Bob was a gifted teacher and



storyteller who inspired students to major in Spanish. Dozens of his students were so inspired that they became foreign language teachers. He led many groups of Hanover students to Mexico, and later Spain, during the college’s five-week Spring term. His students’ lives were forever changed as they learned the language and culture of the countries they visited with “Don Bob.” He also enjoyed many years leading adult tour groups to Mexico and Spain. Bob was a founder of the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association and served as its president. In retirement, he translated Spanish-language novels and plays into English. He was respected internationally as an expert on the 19th-century Spanish writer Juan Valera. He and Barb enjoyed traveling the world for as long as they could, and he leaves behind close friends in

many places. Bob was active in the Madison community as a long-time Rotarian and later an Elk. Bob was also active in Historic Madison, Inc. and the Jefferson County Red Cross. Bob died on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, at 11:39 a.m., at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, IN.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, brothers, sister, and by his wife, Barbara, in 2015. He is survived by his son, John (Ann) Trimble, and his daughter, Lisa (David) Actor, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many adoring nieces, and nephews.

The family will plan a memorial gathering at a later date.

For anyone wishing to honor Bob’s life with a contribution, the family suggests a gift to the Robert G. Trimble, PhD. Endowed Scholarship at Hanover College, Office of Advancement Services, 517 Ball Dr, Hanover, IN, 47243, with the name of the fund in the memo line of the check, or [https://our.hanover.edu/ways-to-give/donate-select “other”](https://our.hanover.edu/ways-to-give/donate-select-other) and enter the scholarship name. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Constance Finney Rhoten

Constance Finney Rhoten, 91, of Lexington, KY, passed away on Dec. 11, 2024. She was born April 22, 1933, in Ripley, OH, to Charles and Marjorie (nee Work) Finney.

Connie is survived by her loving family. Children: Rebecca Adkins and her husband Eddie Adkins of Ridgeland, MS; Andrew Rhoten and his wife Ann Marie Rhoten of Madison, IN; and Ann Rhoten and her husband Robert White of Lexington, KY; Grandchildren, who affectionally called her Granny: Emma Adkins of Austin, TX; Taylor Rhoten and his wife Luana Rhoten of Emeryville, CA; Grayson Rhoten and his fiancée, Paige Works of Hanover, IN; James White and his wife Abby Teater White of Lancaster, KY, Melissa White-Archer and her husband Allen

Archer of Johnson City, TN; Abigail Rhoten White of Chattanooga, TN; Two great grandchildren: Walker and Lyndee White; Sisters-in-law: Patricia Schell of Cincinnati, OH; Janice Klinker and her husband Richard Klinker of Ripley, OH; and Barbara Rhoten of Hamilton, OH; Brother-in-law: Larry Rhoten of North Ft. Myers, FL.

She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister-in-law Marilyn Rhoten Martin and her husband Nathan Martin, brothers-in-law Roy Rhoten, George Thomas Rhoten, William Koewler and Robert Schell and sisters-in-law Shirley Rhoten Koewler and Shirley Dunn Rhoten.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Jan. 11, 2025, at Prince of

Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street, Madison, IN. Interment will follow at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road, Madison, IN.

The Rosary will be offered at 9:30 a.m., at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Procession will form and leave at 10:30 a.m., from the funeral home to Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

Our entire lives we watched our parents give in many ways without ever seeking credit or recognition. In lieu of flowers please consider anonymously doing a kind gesture for someone in her honor. Online condolences & remembrances can be left on www.morgan-nay.com

A special thank you to the compassionate and caring staff of the Willows at Citation, and Bluegrass Care Navigators.

Alfredo ‘Milo’ Ramirez Moreno

Alfredo “Milo” Ramirez Moreno, age 35, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Sept. 9, 1989, in Mexico. He was one of 13 children born to Anatolio Barcenas Ramirez and Maria Angelina Juliana Garcia Moreno. Alfredo died on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at his home in Madison.

Alfredo will be missed by his heartbroken mother, Maria Angelina Juliana Garcia Moreno; his loving brothers and sisters, Juan Manuel Moreno Ramirez, Juan Armando Moreno Ramirez, Carlos Moreno Ramirez, Eduardo Moreno Ramirez, Jorge Moreno Ramirez and his wife,

Kennedy, Sergio Moreno Ramirez and his wife, Amanda, Anatolio Moreno Ramirez, Rafael Moreno Ramirez, Juan Raul Moreno Ramirez, Rosa Elena Moreno Ramirez, Juana Moreno Ramirez, and Irene Moreno Ramirez; his nieces and nephews that he was close to, Ana, Malia, Miya, Madelina, Kody, Lize, Juliana and as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins, in Mexico. He was preceded in death by his father and his infant sister Rosalva Moreno Ramirez.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Father Christopher

A. Craig at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in Mexico.

Friends could visit Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alfredo “Milo” Moreno Ramirez Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Robert L. ‘Bob’ Waller

Robert L. “Bob” Waller, age 94, of Madison, IN, and the son of the late Russell and Dorothy (Ashley) Waller, was born on Nov. 5, 1930, in Harrison, OH. After he completed his schooling, he worked in the fields on the local farms before going to work at the U.S. Shoe Factory in Harrison, OH. On March 6, 1949, Bob married Jo Ann (Hall) Waller and they were blessed with two children: Kathy and Mickey. On March 7, 1952, he was inducted into the United States Army where he served as a Morse Code Operator in Germany during the Korean War. Upon being honorably discharged, he returned to the U.S. Shoe Factory in Harrison before being transferred to their new location in Madison, IN, in 1956. Throughout the years, he rose to become the Assistant Plant Manager at the Madison factory until his retirement after 52 years.

During his retirement, Bob enjoyed going to yard sales and flea markets to purchase push mowers, and then repair their engines so he could re-sell them. He continued to service push mower for the community until just two years ago. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, mushroom



hunting, woodworking, collecting antiques from yard sales with his wife, and attending his grandchildren’s activities. He was an avid fan of the Indianapolis Colts, the Cleveland Browns, and the Indiana University Hoosiers. Bob was a great man who helped a lot of people especially his family and was known by many for his kindness. Mr. Waller passed away on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison.

His life will be cherished by his children: Kathy Trader of Madison, and Robert “Mickey” Waller and his wife, Paula of Madison; his grandchildren: Amy Calderon (Jenny), Erin Holler (Ed), Michael Waller (Jes), Kristin Kring (Drew), and Madalyn Waller (Ryan); his great-grandchildren:

Kailyn, Kamryn, Eli, Holland, Cali, Westin, Logan, Maverik, Bailey, Hampton, Baker, and Lauryn; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Jo Ann Waller who passed away on Nov. 1, 2011; his sister: Mary Schulte; his son-in-law: Russell Trader; and his niece, Ruth Leahigh.

Pastor Frank McGee will conduct funeral services at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison’s hilltop with interment to follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison. Friends and family may visit at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 11 a.m., until the time of the service on Wednesday.

Military honors will be conducted the United States Army and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post #9, American Legion, Madison.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home, or at lytlewelty.com.

Mildred Elizabeth Farrell Callahan

Mildred Elizabeth Farrell Callahan, age 82, of Vevay, IN, entered this life on Sept. 13, 1942, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Ernest and Ruth Harris Farrell. Mildred died on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, at 4:57 p.m., at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, IN.

Mildred will be missed by her loving husband of 66 years, James Wesley Steven Callahan of Vevay, IN; her loving daughter, Shannon Long and her husband, Randy of Lexington, IN; her sons, Wesley Callahan of Parrish, Florida, Brian Callahan and his wife, Shirley of Madison, IN, Wade Callahan of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Trent Callahan, Allison Callahan,

Amanda Manuel, Leslie Wiseman, Karli Schram, Kyle Callahan, and Cole Callahan; her great grandchildren, Maverick Wiseman, Elijah Wiseman, and Leah Schram; her sister, Norma Batts and her husband, Dewayne of Madison, IN; her brothers, Daniel Farrell of Madison, IN, Douglas Farrell of Madison, IN; her sister in law, Elaine Andrew of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Farrell, her mother, Ruth Harris Farrell, her sisters, Alleynne Powell, Marcella Barnett, Linda Skirvin, and Ruth Ann Harmon, and her brother, Marion “Bill” Wilson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Dec.

20, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Jason Dailey at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday from 4 — 6 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Love A Child. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

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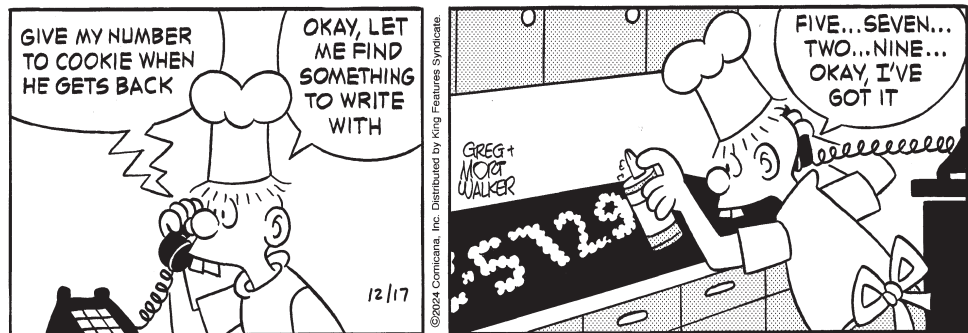
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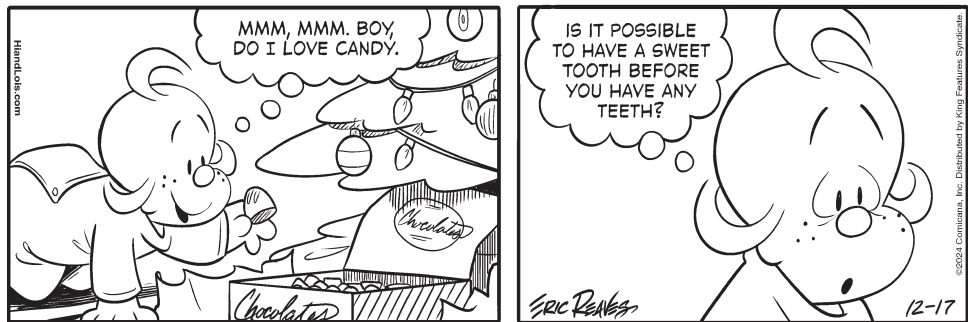
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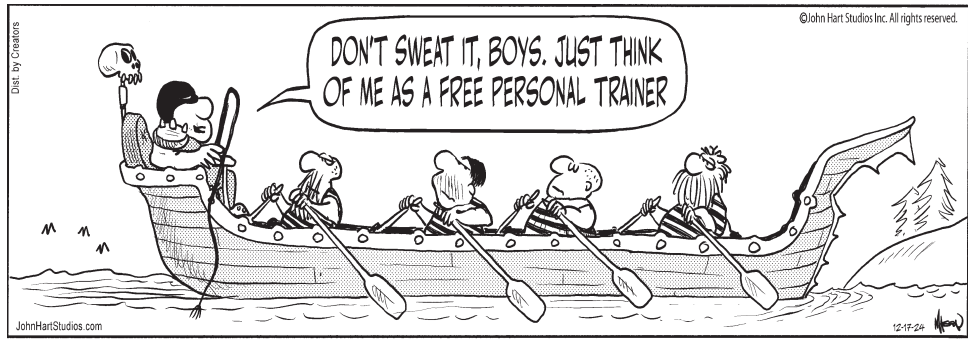
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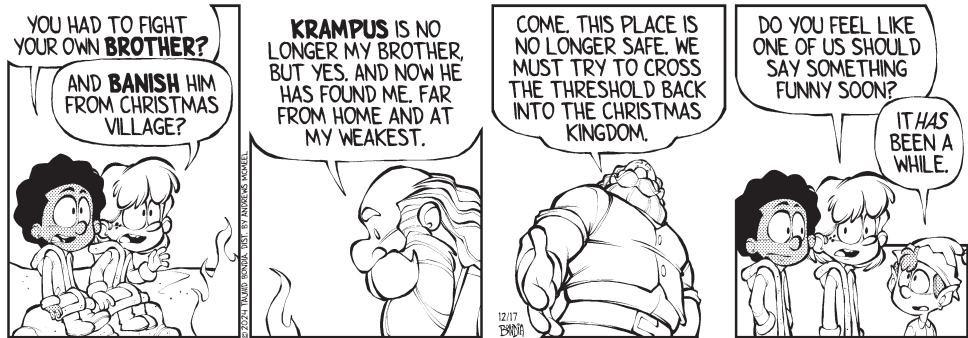
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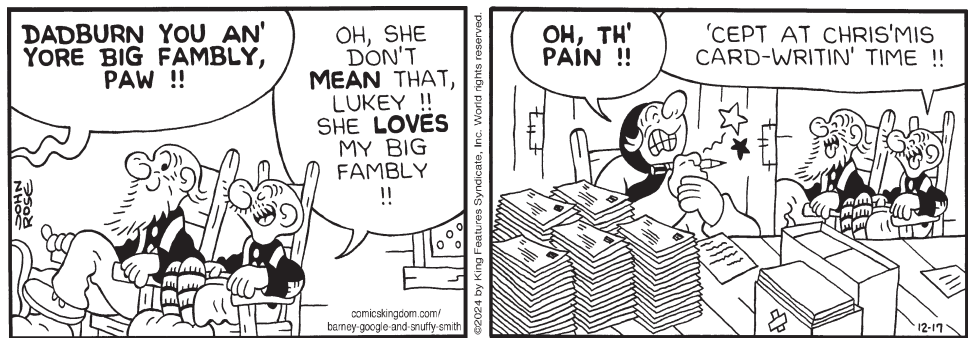
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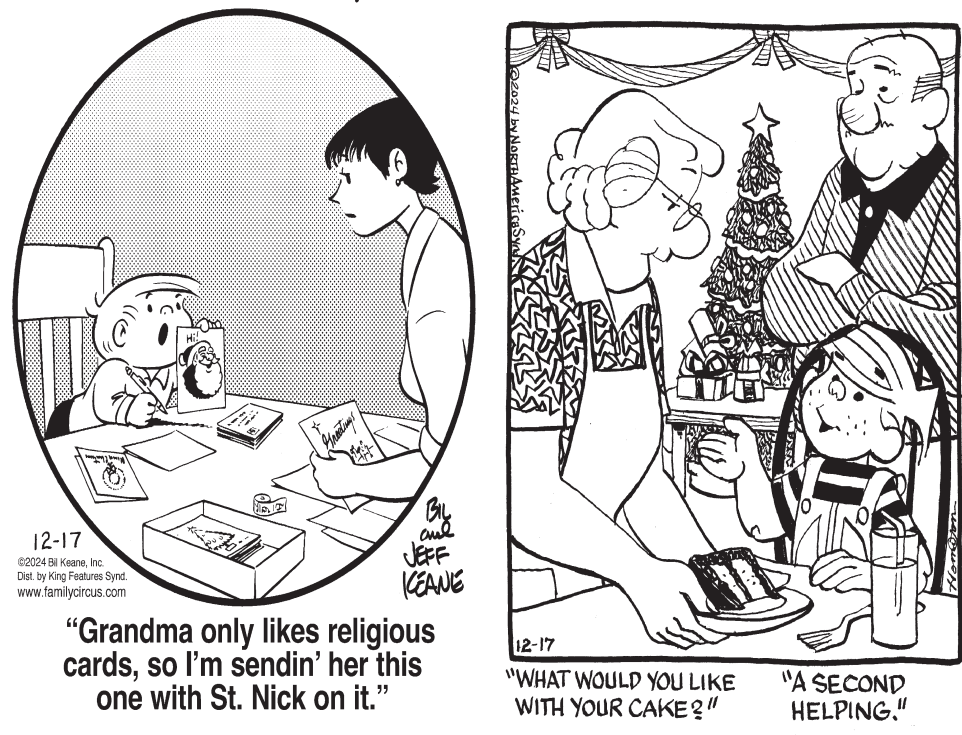


FAMILY CIRCUS

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 17, the 352nd day of 2024. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned, powered airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

Also on this date:

In 1933, in the inaugural NFL championship football game, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants, 23-21, at Wrigley Field.

In 1944, the U.S. Army's Western Defense Command rescinded orders to incarcerate people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast during World War II; more than 110,000 men, woman and children of Japanese ancestry, about two-thirds of whom were American citizens, had been forced into camps and held by armed guards following a February 1942 executive order by President Franklin Roosevelt.

In 1975, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, California, to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford. (She was paroled in August 2009.)

In 1979, Arthur McDuffie, a Black insurance broker and former Marine, was beaten by police after leading them on a chase with his motorcycle in Miami. McDuffie died in a hospital four days later. (Four white police officers accused of beating McDuffie were acquitted the following year, sparking riots in the city that led to several deaths and millions of dollars in damages.)

In 1989, the animated television show "The Simpsons" made its debut.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies.

In 2014, the United States and communist Cuba restored diplomatic relations after decades of mutual animosity, sweeping away one of the last vestiges of the Cold War.

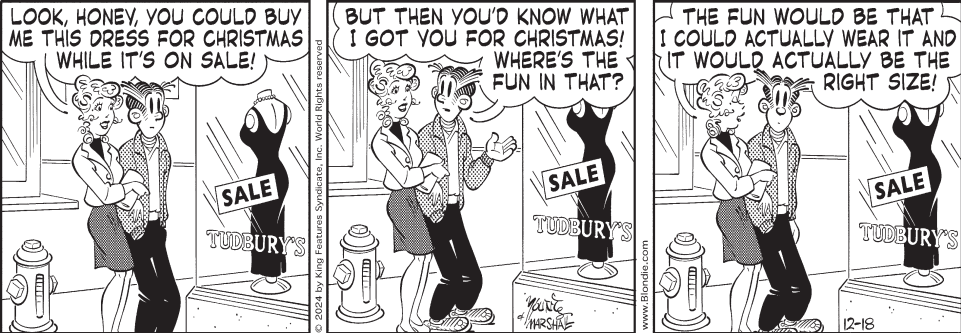
Today's Birthdays:

Actor Armin Mueller-Stahl is 94. Pope Francis is 88. Actor Ernie Hudson is 79. Political commentator Chris Matthews is 79. Comedian-actor Eugene Levy is 78. Actor Wes Studi is 77. Rock singer Paul Rodgers is 75. Actor Bill Pullman is 71. Filmmaker Peter Farrelly is 68. Rock musician Mike Mills (R.E.M.) is 66. Country singer Tracy Byrd is 58. Actor Laurie Holden is 55. Actor Claire Forlani is 53. Filmmaker Rian Johnson is 51. Actor Sarah Paulson is 50. Actor Giovanni Ribisi is 50. Actor Milla Jovovich is 49. Boxer Manny Pacquiao is 46. Actor-singer Nat Wolff is 30.

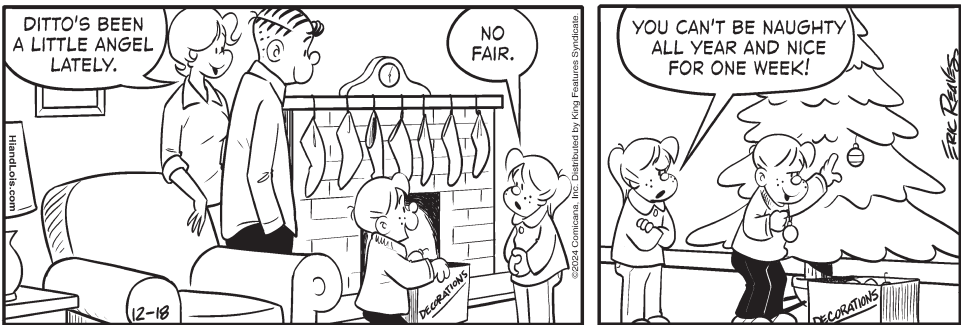
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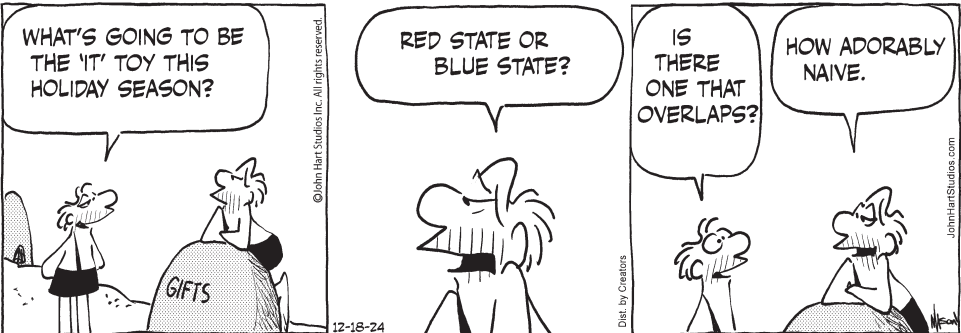
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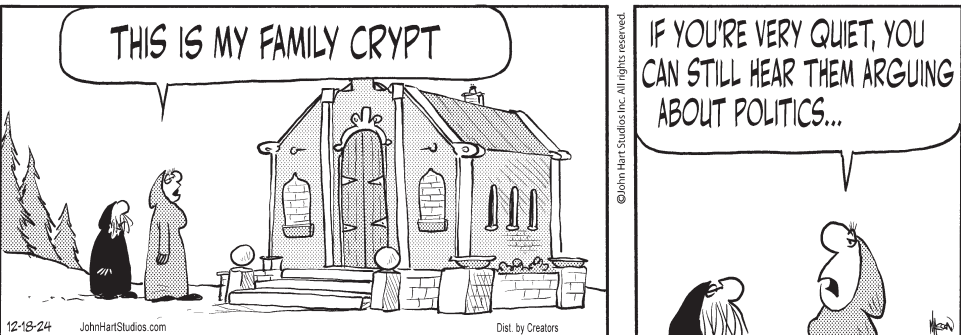
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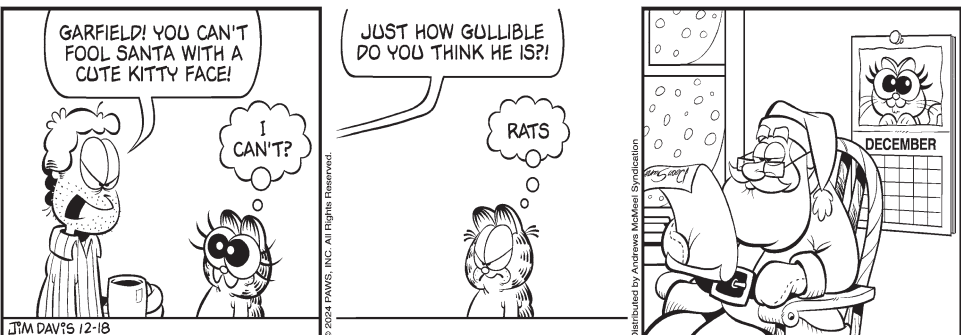
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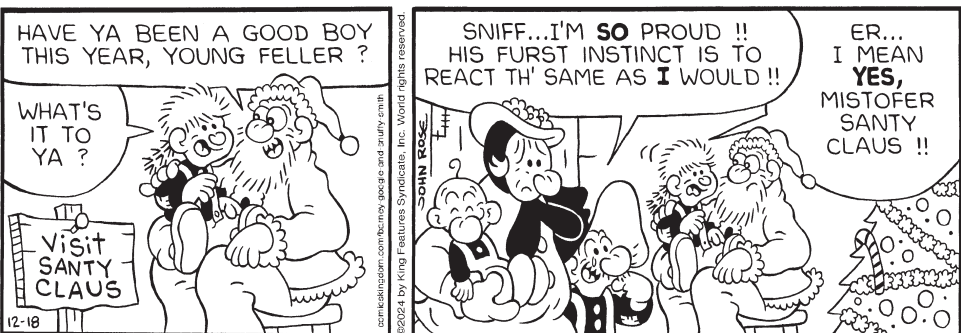
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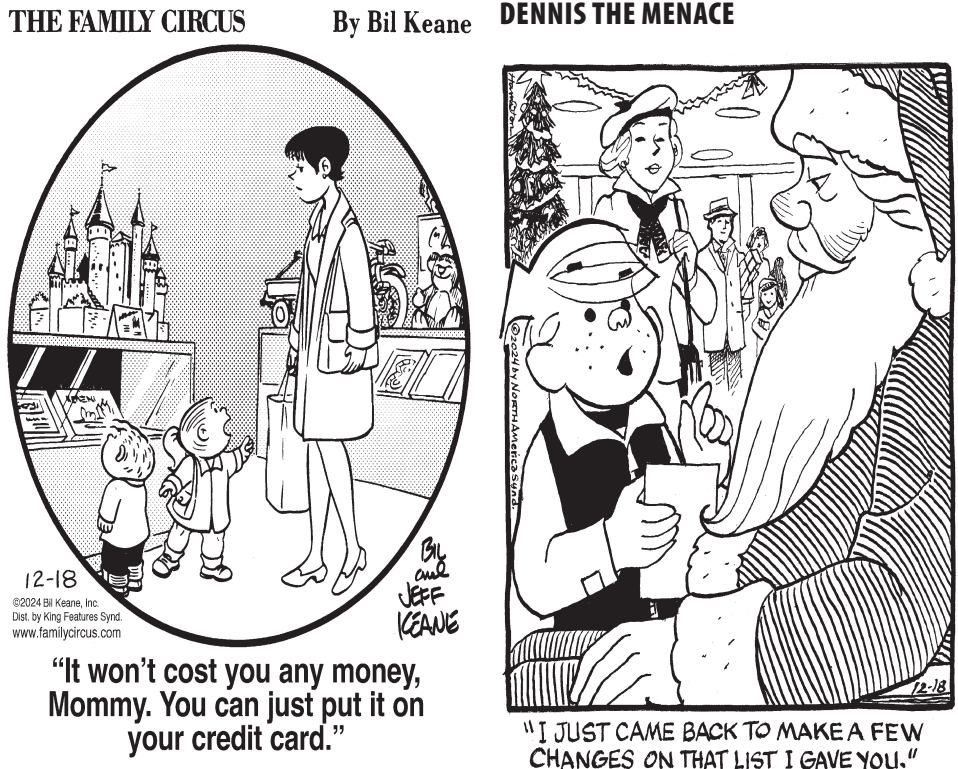
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 18, the 353rd day of 2024. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today in history:
On Dec. 18, 2019, the U.S. House impeached President Donald Trump on two charges, sending his case to the Senate for trial; the articles of impeachment accused him of abusing the power of the presidency to investigate rival Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election and then obstructing Congress' investigation. (It was the first of two Trump impeachment trials that would end in acquittal by the Senate.)

Also on this date:
In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia; although now considered a classic, it received a generally negative reception from critics.
In 1917, Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" and sent it to the states for ratification. (It was repealed in 1933 by the 21st Amendment.)
In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)
In 2011, the last convoy of heavily armored U.S. troops left Iraq, crossing into

Kuwait in darkness in the final moments of a nearly nine-year war.
In 2022, Argentina beat France 4-2 in a penalty shootout to claim a third World Cup, the first for star Lionel Messi.
Today's Birthdays: Chef Jacques Pépin is 89. Rock musician Keith Richards is 81. Filmmaker Alan Rudolph is 81. Filmmaker Steven Spielberg is 78. Filmmaker Gillian Armstrong is 74. R&B singer Angie Stone is 63. Actor Brad Pitt is 61. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 56. Tennis Hall of Famer Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario is 53. Pop singer Sia is 49. Country singer Randy Houser is 49. Actor Katie Holmes is 46. Singer Christina Aguilera is 44. MLB outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. is 27. NFL quarterback Jayden Daniels is 24. Singer Billie Eilish is 23.

SHOP WITH A FIREFIGHTER



Bob Demaree
Children and their families depart for shopping before returning to the Elks Club for an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus at the 2024 Shop with a Firefighter event in Madison.



Bob Demaree
Children and their families depart from the Madison Elks Lodge 524 after breakfast Saturday on their way to go shopping during the Shop with a Firefighter event.



Bob Demaree
Fire trucks depart Madison Elks Lodge 524 on their way to taking children on shopping trip during Saturday's Shop with a Firefighter event.

HMI's Galvin scholarship application now available

BY THE COURIER STAFF
The application for the Historic Madison, Inc./ John and Maureen Galvin Scholarship is now available online at www.historicmadisoninc.com. The deadline to apply is Feb. 16.
This scholarship will be awarded to a qualified high school senior from a high school in Jefferson County, pursuing a degree in historic preservation, architecture, American History or related field. Selection will be based on application materials, academic performance and a demonstrated interest

in the related field such as an internship, volunteer work and community service. Interested applicants should complete the application at www.historicmadisoninc.com.
Historic Madison Inc., founded in 1960, is one of Indiana's oldest and most prestigious historic preservation organizations. John Galvin served as president from 1981 to 2010. Under his leadership, Historic Madison Inc. through its many programs and accomplishments, supported the preservation and improvement of Madison's historic district so

that it attained status as a National Historic Landmark District, the highest designation a historic district can receive.
The \$1000 scholarship award honors Galvin's community and preservation-related successes while recognizing Maureen Galvin's support for and encouragement of these worthy accomplishments in the hopes of inspiring future generations of preservationists, architects, and historians.
For more information or questions, contact Historic Madison, Inc. at hmi@historicmadisoninc.com or call 812-265-2967.



Bob Demaree
Alexis Meador holds Reese Disch during a visit with Santa Claus at the Madison Elks Lodge 524 during Saturday's Shop with a Firefighter event.



James Edwards, a member of Washington Fire Company No. 2, visits with a family at Madison Elks Lodge 524 during Saturday's Shop with a Firefighter event.
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Shelton wants new push to widen SR 62

Calls for 3-5 lanes from Madison limits to Clark Co.

BY BOB DEMAREE
A push to widen State Road 62 from its intersection at the top of Hanover Hill to Charlestown was promoted by Council member Chris Shelton at last week's County Council meeting.
Shelton, now in his third term on Council, recommended that a letter be sent from the county to state officials requesting a widening of the road to make it three to five lanes. "If possible, I would like to revive that in January," he said, noting a letter had previously been sent a few years ago and it is time to revisit that request. "I would like to have some good conversations with our (legislature) members

at the statehouse to get that pushed through," he noted.
Shelton said that with the business being generated by the River Ridge Commerce Center in Clark County it makes good sense to better connect with southwestern Jefferson County by widening State Road 62. "That's the future with that end of the county being connected," he said, adding that there are also several connections in the vicinity of State Road 62.
In other business:
• Chief Public Defender Devon Sharpe discussed upcoming changes in the public defender's office. Sharpe's position is currently a half-contract, but will become full-time with regards to caseload assignments. "With the way cases have been going and the lack of attorneys in Indiana, and especially in southern Indiana, with where I am at with number

of cases I've been accepting recently, we just have to make the change. I also think it will make me focus more on the office, and more ways to improve it."
As part of the changes there also will be an assistant probation defender position added to continue to help with efficiency in the office. Sharpe said the change will not impact the budget for the probation department.
Sharpe also added there is misdemeanor pilot program for which the county probation department has submitted an application. He said there is currently no reimbursement for misdemeanors of which Sharpe said make up a large amount of the cases in Jefferson County. "If we get approved for that pilot project we would get 40% of our misdemeanor cases reimbursed," said Sharpe, noting that could amount to \$25,000 to \$30,000 per quarter. "That would be a

big thing for our county."
• County Council member Gary Copeland expressed concern about people going into county cemeteries at night with golf carts and 4-wheelers. "You hate to see that kind of stuff," he said, requesting that signs be installed to designate cemetery hours from dawn to dusk. Copeland is also in favor of an ordinance prohibiting all-terrain vehicles in cemeteries with the exception of "legitimate reasons like mowing or repairs to the property."
"Are they destroying property?" County Council member Pam Crozier asked.
"I don't want to say that. I just want to say it's kind of disrespectful what they're doing. This is just a suggestion," said Copeland, noting he was seeking the support of County Council before approaching the County Commissioners.

County Sheriff Ben Flint offered to have Sheriff's Department officers patrol the cemeteries, particularly those that have been impacted.
• County Commissioner David Bramer said the county's 911 Communications Administrative Board needs to be realigned to ensure that it has representation that's at least 51% law enforcement following a State Board of Accounts audit in October. The board currently has two representatives from the county (County Council member Ray Black Jr. and Bramer), two from the city of Madison (City Council member Joshua Schafer and Mayor Bob Courtney) and one from the town of Hanover (Town Council member Treva Shelton). Bramer said County Attorney Patrick Magrath is working on a new interlocal agreement to reconfigure the

board in order to achieve the 51% law enforcement requirement.
Brandon Tucker, 911 executive director, noted that since the dispatch is a "non-criminal justice agency" but performs criminal justice functions such as tracking license plates and other similar functions "in order to retain our ability to do those things, our board has to be made up 51% law enforcement."
• County Auditor Heather Huff said the county's \$29,075,061 budget for 2025 was approved by the Department of Local Government Finance minus \$13,000 that involved cutting \$3,000 from the election budget and \$10,000 from the health department budget. "Everything else was good so I kind of consider that an awesome budget season having that low of an amount we have to cut," she said.

AIRPORT

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Spry said being a regional airport "gives us momentum to go to the next thing. When you upgrade you get seen a little different, and that's a good thing. We've worked hard to get to where we're at. We will try to do our best to sustain our numbers" and by providing services that will motivate air travelers to want to use

Madison Municipal Airport.
He said the status upgrade is good not just for Madison but for the surrounding communities, with Madison being the closest hub for Carrollton and Milton in Kentucky, Hanover and Vevay in Indiana, and other neighboring counties.
"This is an exciting time for Madison Municipal Airport," said Spry. "We are eager to work closely with the city of Madison to capitalize on this momentum and achieve our shared vision for the future. Continued sup-

port will be instrumental in sustaining our growth and cementing our role as a key asset for the region."
There were already plans in place for major airport upgrades, guided by a master plan for the airport's development, ensuring it meets the needs of the modern aviation landscape. There will be a total runway reconstruction project within the next two years, enhancing safety and operational efficiency. There are also plans for additional hangars to address increasing demand,

attract more based aircraft and support long-term growth.
"The timing couldn't be better as this upgrade will save hundreds of thousands of dollars locally," said Spry, noting that whenever the airport receives federal grants, there must be local and state contributions. As a local or basic airport, the FAA pays 90% while the airport pays 5% and the state pays 5%. However, with the regional status, the FAA pays 95% while each of the state and local contributions are 2.5%.

Being a regional airport also provides Madison Municipal Airport with a bit more prestige than before and allows the facility to associate itself with larger communities such as Bloomington, Columbus and Greenwood in Indiana.
"The fact that we're growing to that point, or at least got to that point" is a good accomplishment, said Spry, and enables the airport to remain a cornerstone of local transportation and play a vital role in the economic development for the area.

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Board funds 2nd phase of MJHS surveillance cameras upgrades

BY BOB DEMAREE

Funding was approved to complete an upgrading of surveillance cameras at the Madison Junior High School at Wednesday's meeting of the Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees.

Using the remaining money in the school corporation's 2023-2024 technology budget, \$84,486 was approved that will replace all aging internal cameras with newer Avigilon cameras as well as add four additional outside cameras in the parking and playground areas.

In August of 2023, the board

approved \$130,410.01 for the first phase of the junior high camera upgrades and \$106,719.37 for the first phase of Anderson Elementary School camera upgrades. All of the cameras are being purchased from ERS Wireless.

MCS Information Technology Director Josh Taylor said at the Dec. 5 work session there are also plans to upgrade cameras at the high school in which he stated the quoted cost is \$413,000. He said funding sources will be sought in the future to complete camera upgrades at the high school and Anderson Elementary.

In other business, the board:

- Approved renewal of property, liability, worker's compensation and cyber insurance through Henriott Goup, the broker for the school corporation. The premium total for 2025 will be \$506,953 to be made in two payments in January and July — an overall 19.9% increase of \$84,225.

There was an increase in the property, liability and auto package of \$58,452 or 22.4% and an increase in workers compensation at \$27,077 for 22.9%. There was a decrease of 13.2% in cyber coverage for \$1,234. There was

no increase in the broker fee that remains \$34,650.

Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown said at the work session that the increase is a "combination of the market being up as well as claims that drive it."

- Approved an updated job description for the Director of Safety and Security of which the only change is that the "director is expected to carry a weapon, and will be authorized by the board of school trustees to possess the weapon on school property." Brown said MCS Human Resources Director Shannon Allman is in the process of review-

ing all job descriptions.

- Approved a speech and language services agreement with Nancy Deuser as a speech language pathology assistant from Dec. 16 through May 31. Tara McKay, assistant to the superintendent, said the contract is to provide help during a maternity leave.
- Brown noted the Southeastern Study Council, a group of superintendents from southeastern Indiana, is having its monthly meeting in Madison in December. Brown is the current president of the council, finishing her term in April.

Indiana prepares to resume executions Wednesday

BY RICK CALLAHAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana officials are preparing to execute the state's first death row inmate in 15 years, who was convicted a quarter-century ago of killing his brother and three other men.

Joseph Corcoran, 49, has been on Indiana's death row since 1999. If he is put to death as scheduled Wednesday, it will be the state's first execution since 2009. In that time, 13 executions were carried out in Indiana but those were initiated and performed by federal officials in 2020 and 2021 at a federal prison.

Corcoran is scheduled to be executed before sunrise Wednesday at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, about 45 miles (72 kilometers) east of Chicago.

Indiana's resumption of executions is refocusing attention on Corcoran's case and questions about how the state has been able to obtain a drug for lethal injections.

WHAT WAS CORCORAN CONVICTED OF?

Corcoran was 22 on July 26, 1997, when he fatally shot his brother, 30-year-old James Corcoran, and three other men: Douglas A. Stillwell, 30, Timothy G. Bricker, 30, and Robert Scott Turner, 32.

According to court records, Joseph Corcoran was under stress because the forthcoming marriage of his sister to Turner would necessitate moving out of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, home he had shared with his brother and sister.

He awoke to hear his brother and others downstairs talking about him, loaded his rifle and then shot all four men, records show.

While jailed, Corcoran reportedly bragged about shooting his parents in 1992 in northern Indiana's Steuben County. He was charged in their killings but acquitted.

Corcoran's sibling opposes execution

Corcoran's sister, Kelly

Ernst, who lost a brother and her fiancé in the 1997 shootings, declined to discuss whether she believes her younger brother killed their parents.

But Ernst, who lives in northeastern Indiana, said she believes the death penalty should be abolished and her brother's execution won't solve or change anything. She does not plan to attend his execution.

Ernst said she had been out of contact with her brother for 10 years until recently. She believes it's "fairly obvious" he has a serious mental illness.

"I kind of just feel that there's no such thing as closure," Ernst, 56, said Friday. "I just don't know what else to say. I haven't slept in weeks."

WHY DID INDIANA STOP EXECUTIONS?

Indiana last executed Matthew Wrinkles, who was put to death in 2009 for killing his wife, her brother and sister-in-law in 1994.

State officials said they

couldn't continue executions because a combination of drugs used in lethal injections had become unavailable. There has been a yearslong nationwide shortage because pharmaceutical companies — particularly in Europe, where opposition to capital punishment is strongest — have refused to sell their products for that purpose.

That has prompted states to turn to compounding pharmacies, which manufacture drugs specifically for a client. Some states have switched to more accessible drugs such as the sedatives pentobarbital or midazolam, both of which, critics say, can cause excruciating pain.

Indiana is following that lead, planning to use pentobarbital to execute Corcoran.

The federal government also used pentobarbital in the 13 federal executions carried out during the final six months of then-President Donald Trump's first term.

Secret source of the drug

Many states, including Indiana, refuse to divulge where they get the drugs. When asked how the state obtained the pentobarbital it plans to use in Corcoran's execution, the Indiana Department of Correction directed The Associated Press to a state law labeling the source of lethal injection drugs as confidential.

In June, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced the state had acquired pentobarbital and asked the Indiana Supreme Court to set a date for Corcoran's execution. The high court set his Dec. 18 execution date in September.

THE STATE'S EXECUTION PLAN

State law lays out the specific timing and process. It also limits the people who have a role in an execution and shields their identities and specifies who can witness executions at the Indiana State Prison.

At the time of an execution, Indiana code states that the only people allowed

to be present are the prison warden, those selected to assist in the execution, the prison physician, one additional physician, the condemned person's spiritual adviser and the prison chaplain.

Up to five friends or relatives of the person being executed and up to eight relatives of the victims of the crime are allowed to view the process.

The Indiana Department of Correction did not respond to multiple queries from the AP asking whether any of the staffers who will help carry out Corcoran's execution have previously taken part in a state execution.

NO MEDIA CAN WITNESS INDIANA EXECUTIONS

Indiana is one of only two states, along with Wyoming, that do not allow for members of the news media to witness state executions, according to a recent report by the Death Penalty Information Center.

LAKE

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that beautiful land, I think when all is said and done some year down the road, I believe with continued good planning, community input, solid execution and careful contract management ... when we look back several years down the road, this project will end up being one of the most beneficial and consequential non-infrastructure county projects in my adult lifetime, and I do not say that lightly," Kellems said.

"Why? I think here we're talking about much more than just recreation even as the truly exceptional natural assets are a "vital element," Kellems said. "This visionary project, and I really believe it's visionary, near Krueger Lake on spectacular forested land that the county owns is one that will also enhance education, will enhance economic

growth over time including through tourism. It will even, I believe, over time enhance workforce attraction and retention, and ultimately even new private investment as people choose to spend their dollars here, and to move to our region due to the excellent quality of life and place that we enjoy here in Jefferson County, and elsewhere in our five county region. This is regional responsibility and we are significant in our contributions to the benefit of the region."

The other two Jefferson County projects approved for funding by Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority were awarded to the city of Madison — \$3.5 million to create a permanent amphitheater at Bicentennial Park and \$2 million to develop housing on the former Madison Coal Company property now owned by the city at the east corner of Jefferson Street and Vaughn Drive.

Council member Pam

Crozier said, "I'm just really proud of the amount of dollars that will be coming into Jefferson County, both city and county. I am really proud of the Krueger Lake improvement and what potentially lies out there. The amount that was granted to that project itself is just minuscule of what can potentially be out there."

Kellems said the creation of the campground near Krueger Lake "works well with Madison's tourism growth. There's a shortage of beds. We don't have enough hotel spaces, and frankly a lot of people who come to festivals and want to do other things in this area like being able to stay in their RV or camp another way, so it provides an alternative that is badly needed."

He also envisions activities at the Krueger Lake campground that will serve as attractions including hiking, fishing, nature exhibits, pickleball, frisbee golf and much more, adding Krueger

Lake already serves as home to remote-controlled hydroplane races.

"I can see in my mind's eye school buses coming" to the recreation area to

learn and enjoy what he views will someday will become a recreation park.

BOAT

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"It amazes me that we went this long without having water rescue in a city our size with the river traffic we have going through here," said board member David Carlow.

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department recently acquired a safety boat, the first for Jefferson County, and Courtney anticipates a collaboration for use of the boats for various situations, noting there are mutual aid agreements in the county.

Scudder said he anticipates the Hanover boat will work well in smaller rescue operations while Madison will benefit more severe rescue operations.

For several years, Jefferson County has had to turn to Milton Fire and Rescue for help from that department's safety boat. Courtney read a letter from Milton Fire and Rescue Chief Jason Long

endorsing the city's purchase of a safety boat, stating his fire department struggles with having enough volunteers to man their boat. "The additional personnel and equipment would be a benefit to our department and surrounding communities and those that travel through it," Long said in his letter.

"For me, the goal here with the city is to continue to elevate our capabilities. It's not to hope that we don't have an emergency of some sort that we're unprepared for, or capable of," said Courtney.

The board also approved an amendment to the city's agreement with Commonwealth Engineers for a Crooked Creek flood mitigation analysis and stormwater master plan at a cost of \$95,934.17, bringing the total contract to \$261,734.17.

Courtney said the additional work by Commonwealth will assist with implementation of the recommended phase 1 action

items inclusive of back flow prevention, early warning detection, dredging and storage site selection as shown in the table.

When considering flood mitigation, "hoping it doesn't rain much isn't a strategy. We've spent the last two years constantly planning on what we can do to make the right level of investment to minimize the rest of flooding again" as what occurred in June of 2021," Courtney said. "This is exactly what emergency preparedness is, being prepared and anticipating what kind of emergencies you can have, and making the right investment in equipment, in training and in staff in order to do it."

BPWS approved \$25,000 for ETC Systems for electrical upgrades at the Main Street Comfort Station. "The Comfort Station is expanding its use to be multi purpose," said Courtney, noting it's being used as a weekend visitor center staffed by Visit Madison Inc.

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Young Cubs play well, but losing streak reaches 5 straight

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Madison's young boys basketball team continued to make strides but that still hasn't led to any wins as the Cubs dropped a pair of road games over the weekend.

On Friday, Madison traveled to South Dearborn and battled to the end before falling 72-62. On Saturday, the Cubs helped undefeated Brownstown honor its state championship team from a year ago in a 78-42 loss.

First-year coach Danny Gibson was pleased with his team's effort, but in what has become a common refrain, he also said that they need to do a better job of closing out wins.

"We're still learning how to win," Gibson said. "I can't fault their effort after after each game, but at some point we got to get over that hump."

Friday's loss at South Dearborn was far closer than the final score indicated. The game was tied 56-56 with six minutes to play and the Cubs still trailed by only three with less than three minutes to go.

But missed shots and turnovers down the stretch by Madison allowed South Dearborn to pull away for the win.

"What I keep telling the guys

is that we have improved. But the next the is learning how to win the game," Gibson said. "We see progress each time out, but that's going to be the biggest step."

Madison shot nearly 40% from 3-point range, knocking down 14-of-36 attempts from the arc. The long-distance show was what kept the Cubs in the contest.

Senior Landon True had the hot hand early, hitting four treys in the first half as the Cubs trailed only 39-34 at the break. Fellow senior Damon Harden caught fire in the second half and hit three 3-pointers, finishing with five for the game. Mason Davis went 4-for-7 from the arc and Gabe Fife added a 3-pointer for the Cubs.

"We work on (shooting 3s), They're getting up shots each week. So that shooting is no a surprise to me," Gibson said. "I would like to get us going to the basket a little bit more, open up some more things, because teams are really trying to take away our shooting."

True finished the game with 23 points and five rebounds while Harden had 19 points and Davis scored 12 while getting six assists and five rebounds.

But the Cub trio was outshined by South Dearborn sophomore Tyler Christian, who scored 31 points and had 17 rebounds while dominating nearly every facet of the game. Gibson was impressed with the young Knight.

"He was really athletic. He was tough for us," Gibson said. "He's super athlete getting to the basket. We were prepared for it. But he just had a great game."

Ben Shorten added 13 points and Brady Ballert had 10 for the Cubs.

A big second quarter doomed Madison in the loss at Brownstown on Saturday. The Cubs trailed 19-16 after the first quarter, but were outscored 25-4 in the second as the Braves took control of the game.

True had 13 points to lead Madison while Fife and Carlos Salom each scored nine. Chace Coomer had 23 points, Gregory Hutcheson had 17 and Lane Pendelton 15 for Brownstown (4-0).

Madison, now 0-5 on the season, hosts North Decatur on Tuesday in a rare mid-week game and hosts Austin on Saturday.

LADY CUBS BEAT SEYMOUR

Madison built a big third-quarter lead and then held off a late rally to post a 60-50 win over Seymour in girls basketball Saturday at home.

The Cubs led 25-17 at half-time but used a big third-quarter run to take a 50-33 lead into the final quarter. However, Seymour nearly doubled up Madison in the fourth to crawl back into the game before the Cubs held on



David Campbell
Madison's Damon Harden lauches a 3-pointer during the Cubs' game at South Dearborn on Friday.



David Campbell
South Dearborn's Tyler Christian (left) and Madison's Carlos Salom (4) battle for a rebound during Friday's game in Aurora.

for the win.

Mylee McQueary scored a career-high 24 points and added six rebounds to lead Madison while Juliana Davis had 20 points and four steals.

Madison, now 7-1 on the season, travels to Jennings County on Thursday.



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With just under a second, Southwestern's Jeter Chatham (10) is fouled by Batesville's Cayden Drake (14) as he goes up hard with the ball in their hard-fought 51-46 win Saturday night.

Southwestern teams combine for 4 wins over the weekend

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's basketball teams both won a pair of games late last week.

The Southwestern boys hammered New Washington 80-49 on the road on Friday and then beat Batesville 56-42 on the road on Saturday. The Lady Rebels whipped New Washington 59-27 at home on Thursday and then traveled to South Central on Saturday and came away with a hard-fought 51-46 win.

Brady Cook had a huge game for Southwestern in the boys win over New Washington on Friday. Cook scored 25 points and had eight rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Landon Kidwell added 16 points, six rebounds and four

blocks for the Rebels, Caleb Goode had 14 points and three rebounds, Braxton Lewis had nine points, six rebounds and four assists and Adam Traylor had eight points and five assists.

Kidwell had a double-double of 19 points and 11 rebounds and added four blocks in Southwestern's win over Batesville on Saturday. Lewis had 17 points, five rebounds and five assists, Cook had seven points and five assists and Goode had six points and two assists.

Rorie Scroggins had a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds and Mikayla Nussbaum had 12 points, four assists and three steals in the Lady Rebels' win over New Washington on Thursday. Baleigh McAfee added

nine points and three rebounds and Savannah Nussbaum had seven points, four rebounds and six steals for Southwestern.

Scroggins again led Southwestern with 10 points in the tough win over South Central on Saturday. Sophie Ford and Olivia Simpson each scored nine points, McAfee and Mikayla Nussbaum each had eight points and Harlee Hill scored four.

Southwestern's boys improved to 4-1 on the season and will travel to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday before hosting Clarksville on Saturday.

Southwestern's girls are now 8-3 on the year and head to Eastern (Pekin) on Tuesday and to Rock Creek on Thursday before hosting Providence on Saturday.

Allen has a huge game to lift Bills to a 48-42, ending the Lions' winning streak

BY LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS SPORTS WRITER

DETROIT — Josh Allen took a shotgun snap, moved up in the pocket and backed up, rolled left and threw right.

It was just another play, a 28-yard pass to James Cook, in the latest sensational performance by the potential NFL MVP.

Allen ran for two

scores in the first quarter and threw two touchdown passes in the second half, leading the Buffalo Bills to a 48-42 victory Sunday that snapped the Detroit Lions' franchise-record 11-game winning streak.

The dual-threat quarterback extended a number of plays, buying time with his feet to find open receivers against a banged-up defense that

had to respect his ability to pass and run.

"Scramble drills are one of our best plays," Allen said.

He has a lot to do with that.

Allen was 23 of 34 for a season-high 362 yards with touchdown passes to Khalil Shakir and Ray Davis. He ran 11 times for 68 yards and two scores a week after being the first NFL play-

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Southwestern girls swim to quad meet win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's girls swim team picked up seven individual wins in a dominating performance at home on Thursday.

The Lady Rebels scored 171 points to easily best South Ripley (59 points), Switzerland County (41) and Rising Sun (32). Rising Sun won the boys meet with 97 points and was followed by South Ripley (80), Shawe (30), Switzerland County (9) and Southwestern (7).

The Crawford cousins combined for six wins for Southwestern's girls. Natalie Crawford won the 100-yard freestyle in 59.72 and the 100 backstroke in 1:06.08, Raygan Crawford won the 100 butterfly in 1:10.18 and

Riley Crawford won the 200 freestyle in 2:24.25. The trio then teamed with Haylee Crawford to win the 400 freestyle relay in 4:23.39 and with Adalei Watson to win the 200 medley relay in 2:16.91.

Alexis Dean-Wells won the 500 freestyle in 7:07.94 for Southwestern while Sophia Carie, Mae Pierson, Watson and Dean-Wells teamed up to win the 200 freestyle relay in 2:17.78.

Shawe's Matthew Vaughn had a pair of wins in the boys meet, claiming the 50 freestyle in 24.00 and the 100 freestyle in 52.82. Switzerland County's Eva Hicks picked up her team's only

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host Trinity Lutheran, 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls host Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys host North Decatur, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Eastern (Pekin), 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison hosts Jeffersonville, 6 p.m.
Shawe, Southwestern at Charlestown, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co., Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Southwestern boys hosts Henryville, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Madison, Borden, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

BASKETBALL

Hanover women vs. UMass-Dartmouth, TBA
Hanover men at Anderson, 2 p.m.
Shawe boys at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Switzerland Co. boys at Milan, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host Henryville, 6 p.m.
Madison girls at Jennings Co., 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Rock Creek, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison hosts Southwestern, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

BASKETBALL

Hanover women vs. Stevenson, TBA
Switzerland Co. girls, Henry Co. Tourney, TBA
Shawe boys host Crothersville, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys at East Central, 7:30 p.m.

Hilltoppers seize control of ORVC with wins over Ripley, Switzerland

BY JORDAN BEAR

Shawe girls basketball coach Drew Kring knew Thursday night's showdown with South Ripley could be the most consequential game of the year.

After the last two years saw Shawe get run out of the gym when playing South Ripley, the Hilltoppers came out on fire and never looked back to knock off the Raiders 64-51 at Meny Gymnasium in Madison.

"Winning is fun and especially when it's a conference win," Kring said. "This team has given us fits and although we may not have finished as I would have liked, we grabbed a big win and I'm proud of them for pulling through."

Shawe came out of the gates on fire with back to back 3-pointers by Allison Knoebel giving the Hilltoppers a quick 6-0 lead and a 3-pointer by Audrey Barron forced an early timeout by South Ripley. The Hilltoppers were able to consistently find buckets and jumped out to a 10-point lead by the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was where Shawe began to flex its muscles with another four 3-pointers to grab a commanding 38-16 lead at halftime.

South Ripley didn't back down though and the Raiders quickly began to chip into Shawe's lead in the third period — something Kring had warned his players about at halftime.

"I told them we can either come out and bury them or we can let them in it, and unfortunately we couldn't pull away,"



Shawe Memorial's Braiden Smith (25) puts up a reverse lay up in front of Jac-Cen-Del's Johnny Newhart (3) in their game on Friday night.

Kring said. "We went a little cold and then had a few break-downs and a good team like that, they're not going to just stop playing."

After South Ripley had cut the lead to 10 and had all of

the momentum, Ava Turner hit a 3-pointer as time expired to give Shawe a 13-point lead going into the final period. South Ripley never cut it to single digits the rest of the way and the Hilltoppers hung on for

the 13-point victory.

The game, which was dubbed Caroline's Crew Night, honoring Caroline McRoberts, a fifth grader at Pope John currently battling brain cancer.

"We love her and we are play-

ing for her," Kring said. "We pray for her daily, and she's inspiring this team every day. This one was for her."

Knoebel, fresh off of scoring her 1,000th career point on Tuesday, led Shawe in scoring with 28 points Thursday. Audrey Barron added 19 points while Ava Turner had 14 points. South Ripley was led by Lexi Franklin with 16 points.

On Saturday night, Shawe remained perfect in ORVC play by topping Switzerland County 55-44. Barron scored 29 points and Turner had 13 to lead Shawe. No stats for Switzerland were available.

Shawe is now 8-2 overall, 4-0 Ohio River Valley Conference. The Hilltoppers will wrap up the 2024 portion of their schedule this week with a pair of home games, on Tuesday against Trinity Lutheran and Thursday against Henryville.

SHAWE BOYS FALL TO JCD

Jac-Cen-Del dominated the middle two quarters and rolled to a 67-43 win over Shawe in boys basketball Friday at Meny Gym.

The Hilltoppers trailed only 13-9 after the first quarter but were outscored 20-10 in the second and 16-5 in the third as Jac-Cen-Del pulled away for the win.

Braiden Smith scored 23 points and had six rebounds to lead Shawe with Loren Stiver chipping in nine. Johnny Newhart had 19 points and Darian Grieshop scored 15 for Jac-Cen-Del.

Shawe, now 1-3 overall, 0-2 ORVC, hosts Crothersville on Friday.

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Trimble County's Ainslie Stark has been named North Central Kentucky Conference girls basketball player of the week.

Stark had a triple-double of 24 points, 11 rebounds and 10 steals against Holy Cross. She also had 11 points, two steals and two blocks against Lexington Christian.

• Hanover's Grace Bezold has been named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference women's basketball player of the week.

Bezold, a senior from Covington, Kentucky, averaged a double-double

on the week. She finished the week averaging 23.5 points per game and 16.0 rebounds. In the win over Berea, Bezold netted 23 points with 12 rebounds. At Franklin, Grace recorded 24 points and pulled in 20 rebounds.

She currently ranks eighth in the nation in double-doubles this season with five.

• Southwestern junior varsity boys basketball beat New Washington 56-15 on Friday.

Kaedon Higgins had 13 points for the Rebels and Andrew Nussbaum scored nine.

On Saturday, Southwestern lost 51-39

at Batesville. Nussbaum had 14 point and Higgins scored 10.

Southwestern, now 5-1 on the season, travels to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday.

• Shawe junior varsity boys basketball lost 58-23 to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday.

Leo Garcia scored five points for the Hilltoppers while four other players chipped in with four.

Shawe, now 0-3 on the season, hosts Crothersville on Friday.

• Southwestern's boys basketball "C" team defeated Rising Sun 42-12 on Thursday.

Trevor Swalley had 13 points for the Rebels and Turner Trapp scored 10.

Madison wrestlers get two wins at Columbus North

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's wrestling team went in short-handed but came away with a pair of wins in Saturday's Columbus North Invitational.

The Cubs were forced to forfeit four to five weight divisions in each match but scored a

47-25 win over Cascade and a 66-6 victory over Brown County. Madison lost 61-17 to Columbus North, 37-35 to Western Boone and 41-38 to Monrovia.

Garrett Deuser went 5-0 on the day at 175 pounds to lead Madison. Drew Zuckschwerdt

(126 pounds), Trenton Bivens (132), Brendan Bentz (144), Grayson Hughes (165) and Ayden Waggoner (190) each went 4-1 on the day and Jason Cosby (285) was 3-1.

Madison competes in the Columbus East Invitational on Saturday.

Carroll, Trimble split games against each other

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County and Trimble County each came away with a win in a pair of rivalry games against each other last week.

On Thursday, Carroll's boys scored a 53-47 win over Trimble County at home. Dylan Penick scored nine points and Leonel Rodriguez had eight for Trimble. No stats for Carroll County were available.

Trimble, now 1-4 overall and 0-1 in 31st District play, traveled to Eminence on Monday, hosts William-

stown on Tuesday and hosts Gallatin County on Thursday.

Carroll, now 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the 31st District, hosted Henry County on Monday and heads to Owen County on Thursday before playing in the Marion County Christmas Tournament starting on Friday.

On Friday, Trimble County scored a 50-43 win over Carroll County in the girls basketball matchup in Bedford.

Ainslie Stark scored 14 points, Mariah Rumsey had

12 and Kendra Mahoney eight to lead Trimble. No stats for Carroll were available.

Trimble, now 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the 31st District, head to Eminence on Tuesday and host Gallatin County on Friday before hosting Shawe on Saturday.

Carroll, now 2-2 overall and 0-1 in the 31st District, hosts Henry County on Tuesday and heads to Owen County on Friday before traveling to Paris on Saturday.

SWIM

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win with a victory in the girls 200 individual medley in 2:54.86.

Other top results for Southwestern's girls were:

Dean-Wells, second, 200 free, 2:45.87; Watson, second, 200 IM, 3:16.69 and second, 500 free, 7:32.90; Raygan Crawford, second, 50 free, 29.26; Riley Crawford, second, 100 free, 1:04.59; Haylee Crawford, third, 100 free, 1:07.90 and third, 100 back, 1:18.66;

and Haylee Crawford, Pierson, Dean-Wells and Carie, third, 200 medley relay, 2:37.50.

Other results for Switzerland's girls were: Molly Hicks, second, 100 breast, 1:27.04; Molly Hicks, Eva Hicks, Lily Jester and Piper Taylor, second, 200

medley relay, 2:37.43; Eva Hicks, fourth, 100 back, 1:28.19; and Jester, sixth, 50 free, 39.66 and sixth, 100 free, 1:28.40.

Shawe's Orin Elkins was third in the boys 200 freestyle in 2:33.78 and third in the boys 100 backstroke in 1:21.40,

Switzerland's Seth Burke was fourth in the boys 100 freestyle in 1:19.00 and fifth in the boys 50 freestyle in 32.55, and Southwestern's Robert De Paz Gonzalez was fifth in the boys 100 freestyle in 1:25.92 and sixth in the boys 50 freestyle in 38.00.

Southwestern and Shawe head to Charles-town on Tuesday and to Madison on Thursday while Switzerland competes in the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn on Tuesday and hosts South Ripley and Silver Creek on Saturday.

ALLEN

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The AFC East-champion Bills (11-3) have won eight of nine, including a victory against the two-time defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs.

"It's rare air up there with the best teams," Buffalo coach Sean McDermott said. "That's how we're going to have to play every week moving forward."

Jared Goff matched a career high by throwing five touchdown passes for the NFC North-leading Lions (12-2), whose loss gives Minnesota a chance to pull into a tie for the division lead with a win against Chicago on Mon-

day night at home.

Buffalo extended its franchise record with 30-plus points in its eighth straight game — becoming the first team since the 2013 Denver Broncos to pull off the feat — and scored the most points against Detroit this season.

Coming off a 44-42 setback against the Los Angeles Rams, the Bills were not as effective on defense.

Goff's fifth TD pass came with 12 seconds left when he connected with Jameson Williams from 3 yards with 12 seconds left, but the Lions couldn't recover the onside kick to set up a game-ending Hail Mary try.

The Bills joined the 1966 New York Giants as the only teams in NFL history to score 40-plus

"Now we know where we stand against one of the AFC's best teams."
*— Dan Campbell
Detroit coach*

points and give up at least 40 points in consecutive games.

Allen's dazzling talents were the difference in a potential Super Bowl preview.

He threw a 33-yard pass to Ty Johnson on his second snap and converted a third down with another throw to the former Lions running back, picking up another 24 yards, after rolling right and showing patience before passing to set up a 1-yard sneak.

"We're watching an incredible player play incredibly consistent,"

McDermott said.

McDermott chose to go for it on fourth-and-2 from his 49 and Allen found Johnson wide open for a 31-yard catch to set up James Cook's 6-yard touchdown run to restore a two-touchdown lead midway through the second quarter.

Campbell was aggressive as usual on the next drive, keeping the offense on the field with a fourth-and-4 from the Bills 46. Goff validated the decision with a 21-yard pass to Amon-Ra St. Brown to set up a 9-yard touch-

down pass to Dan Skipper, pulling off a trick play with a throw to an offensive lineman who reported in as eligible to pull within a touchdown.

Just when it looked as though the Lions might get routed in the second half, Goff converted a third-and-17 with a 66-yard touchdown pass to St. Brown.

After Jahmyr Gibbs scored his first of two touchdowns early in the fourth quarter to pull Detroit within 10 points, Campbell opted for an onside kick that Buffalo's Mack Hollins returned 38 yards to set up another score for the Bills.

"Now we know where we stand against one of the AFC's best teams," Campbell said. "Today,

that wasn't good enough."

INJURIES

Bills: Allen said he had his shoulder checked after the game for "peace of mind," and it was OK. "Just took a funky fall," he said. ... WR Curtis Samuel (shoulder), LBs Dorian Williams (elbow), LB Matt Milano (groin) and OT Spencer Brown (head) were hurt.

Lions: Campbell feared three key players had season-ending knee injuries: DT Alim McNeill (knee), CB Carlton Davis (knee) and DB Khalil Dorsey (leg).

UP NEXT

Bills: Host New England on Sunday.

Lions: Play at Chicago on Sunday.

Hanover sweeps Manchester in basketball doubleheader

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Hanover College basketball knocked off Manchester in men's and women HCAC play at home on Saturday.
The women scored a 62-57 win while the men won 83-74.
Four players scored in double

figures for the Hanover women, who held off a late Manchester rally to claim the win. Sammy Berman had 14 points and six rebounds for the Panthers, Alexis Wines had 11 points, four rebounds and four assists, Katherine Benter had 10 points

and seven rebounds and Grace Bezold had 10 points and four rebounds.
Coleman Sater scored 23 points and had six rebounds and four assists to lead the Hanover men to victory. Madison's Luke Miller had 18 points

and Michael Donoho had 11 points and five rebounds.
The Hanover women, now 7-2 overall and 3-1 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, head to Puerto Rico this week to compete in the San Juan Classic. The Panthers will face UMa-

ss-Dartmouth on Wednesday and then will play Stevenson on Friday.
The Hanover men, now 6-2 overall and 2-1 HCAC, travel to Anderson on Wednesday. Their next game will be in the Otterbein Classic beginning Dec. 29.

Burrow sets franchise TD record as Bengals beat Titans

BY TERESA M. WALKER
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Joe Burrow knows the Cincinnati Bengals' playoff hopes are slender at best at the bottom of the AFC's bubble teams.
He still wants Cincinnati to play better no matter how this season ends.
Burrow threw for 271 yards with three TDs for 36, topping his franchise mark of 35 set in 2022, as the Bengals improved their faint playoff hopes by thumping the Tennessee Titans 37-27 on Sunday. TV cameras picked up a frustrated Burrow talking with coach Zac Taylor after the team's last touchdown of the game.
“We know the chances are very slim,” Burrow said. “What I’m focused on right now is playing as good as we can play myself, playing up to my standard. That’s why I was so frustrated because I didn’t feel like we did that today.”
The Bengals (6-8) notched the 400th regular-season win in franchise history. They still need to win out to extend their streak of winning seasons to four straight no matter where they wind up in the AFC playoff chase.
Starting defensive tackle Sheldon Rankins was out. They lost end Sam Hubbard to an injured knee after his 2-yard TD catch. Hubbard became the first Bengals defensive

player to score on a run or pass since safety Bobby Hunt on Oct. 6, 1968, in the franchise's first season, according to Elias Sports Bureau.
It didn't matter as the Bengals turned six turnovers into 24 straight points capped by Geno Stone's 39-yard pick-6 in the third. The Bengals missed out on more points with a 61-yard fumble return for a TD except Jordan Battle fumbled just before crossing the goal line for a touchback in the third quarter.
That doesn't include the 14 penalties for 113 yards.
“Unacceptable but really happy with the way the (defense) got the turnovers,” Taylor said. (Six) turnovers. Three of them in the second half was huge for us ... It was a strange game that way.”
The Titans (3-11) benched Will Levis after his NFL-high fourth pick-6 this season and fourth turnover of the game. Mason Rudolph looked ready to lead a rally until he was picked off by Josh Newton.
Tennessee lost its third straight and dropped to 1-6 at home in coach Brian Callahan's debut season and first game against his old boss with the Bengals in Taylor.
Callahan said Burrow did Burrow things and was disappointed at his Titans hurting themselves. They

also had 12 penalties for 110 yards.
“If you can't stop them on third down and you turn the ball over six times, it's going to be tough to win,” Callahan said.
Cincinnati played without left tackle Orlando Brown Jr. and Cody Ford was a late scratch because of an illness. The Bengals started Devin Cochran, a rookie with one offensive snap in five appearances before Sunday. Even giving him help, he gave up pressure that led to the first of Burrow's two interceptions.
The Bengals also had four turnovers. The teams combined for the NFL's first 10-turnover game since Week 2 of 2007 when the Lions and Vikings each had five in Detroit's overtime win.
Tennessee led 14-7 at the end of the first after opening with back-to-back TD drives for the first time since Week 4 of the 2022 season. Tony Pollard ran for a 3-yard TD. On the next drive, Tyjae Spears went over the top after his first would-be TD was ruled short.
Burrow opened the game with a 6-yard TD pass to Chase Brown and that TD pass to Hubbard. The Bengals took the lead for good after Cam Taylor-Britt picked off Levis, and Burrow hit Tee Higgins with a 38-yard TD



AP Photo George Walker IV

Joe Burrow threw for 271 yards and three touchdowns to break the franchise record with 36 this season as the Cincinnati Bengals improved their faint playoff hopes by beating the Tennessee Titans 37-27 Sunday.

pass for a 21-14 edge.
That gave Burrow his latest franchise TD mark, which he celebrated while on his back.
“I was just hoping it got there,” Burrow said.

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Chase, who came in leading the NFL this season in receptions and yards receiving, finished with nine catches for 94 yards.
He became the fifth player in NFL history with at least 100 receptions, 1,400 receiving yards and 15 TD catches in a season. He joined Pro Football Hall of Famers Marvin Harrison

(2001), Randy Moss (2003) and Jerry Rice (1995) as well as Cooper Kupp (2021).
With his three TDs, Burrow became the fifth NFL player with at least three TD passes in six straight games. The only quarterbacks with more are Tom Brady (10 straight in 2007), Andrew Luck (eight in 2018), Peyton Manning (eight in 2004) and Dan Marino (seven in 1986-87).
INJURIES
Hubbard was ruled out late in the first half after that TD catch with an injured right knee. Burrow

tracked down the ball for his first NFL TD reception.
Pollard, who came into this game questionable with an injured ankle, aggravated the ankle. He returned in the second quarter. LB Kenneth Murray Jr. aggravated his hamstring and was questionable. TVondre Sweat hurt a shoulder but returned. Luke Gifford left in the second quarter with a concussion.
UP NEXT
The Bengals return home to host Cleveland Sunday, while the Titans start a two-game road swing at Indianapolis.

Broncos ride 5 takeaways to 31-13 win over Colts

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

DENVER — Nik Bonitto's defensive touchdown was jaw-dropping. Jonathan Taylor's botched touchdown run was head-scratching.
Bonitto foiled a trick play by stepping in front of quarterback Anthony Richardson and hijacking Adonai Mitchell's lateral pass, then racing 50 yards for a touchdown Sunday that sealed the Denver Broncos' 31-13 win over the Indianapolis Colts.
A blunder by Taylor turned the game around in the third quarter. Indy's star running back dropped the ball milliseconds before crossing the goal line on what would have been a 41-yard touchdown.
“That can't happen,” said Taylor, who finished with 107 yards — but no touchdowns — on 22 carries. “No, you're never consciously aware you're dropping the ball. Otherwise, you wouldn't do it.”
The blunder breathed new life into the Broncos, whose special teams and defense would bail out a sputtering offense that managed just 193 yards.
“If he would have scored that touchdown, it would have been even more of a dogfight to get back,” Denver pass rusher Jonathan Cooper said. “We would have had a tougher fight. ... I just hope it never happens to us.”
Denver's defenders dejectedly retreated to the sideline, but suddenly the 76,416 fans roared. Safety P.J. Locke said he looked up and saw the replay on the giant scoreboard and suddenly the Broncos had a holiday gift.
Instead of lining up for the extra point to give the Colts a 20-7 lead, the touchback left the reeling Colts clinging to a six-point edge they would soon relinquish.
“That was a game changer, yeah, absolutely,” Colts coach Shane Steichen said. “Obviously, it hurt us, but he's one

of our leaders. Sometimes that happens in football, but he's our guy, and that's what you say to him.”
With five takeaways, the Broncos (9-5) ended a seven-year string of losing records and strengthened their grip on an AFC wild-card berth that would end a playoff drought dating to 2016. They began defense of their Super Bowl 50 title that season with a 4-0 start, which was the last time they sat four games above .500.
The Colts (6-8) blew both an early 10-0 lead and a big opportunity to tighten the AFC wild-card race, and the biggest reasons were Taylor's blunder and Bonitto's plunder.
Denver had just taken its first lead of the game on Bo Nix's 15-yard touchdown toss to tight end Nate Adkins that made it 17-13 when Bonitto scored his second touchdown in two games.
Bonitto, who had a pick-6 against Cleveland before the Broncos' bye week, was in full stride when he caught Mitchell's pass at the midfield logo and raced untouched to the end zone.
The play was officially recorded as a fumble recovery and not a pick-6 because it was a backward pass. Whatever you want to call it, Cooper said it was just the spark the Broncos needed.
“Man, I love playing with this dude,” Cooper said. “His football instincts are off the charts. He's a phenomenal football player. He's got my vote for Defensive Player of the Year.”
Mitchell said his coach had admonished him to throw the ball away if he saw the Broncos sniffing out the trickery, but he said he never sensed Denver had deciphered the play.
“It was there pretty much until 15 turned into Ed Reed and just came through out of nowhere,” Mitchell said.
Denver's five takeaways

more than made up for Nix's first three-interception game of his rookie season.
One of Denver's interceptions was by cornerback Patrick Surtain II, who limped to the sideline tent with a sprained right ankle. He went back in the game but was helped off the field just before the 2-minute warning after seemingly aggravating the injury. He left the stadium without comment but wasn't in a walking boot, a good sign because the Broncos have a short week before their next game.
The Broncos' barrage of points started with Wil Lutz's 44-yard field goal that pulled Denver to 13-10 and ended with Nix's 20-yard TD pass to Courtland Sutton.
ONE-MAN BAND
Richardson completed just five of 17 passes for 56 yards in the first half and one of those completions was to himself. It came in his own end zone after Jonah Ellis batted down his throw.
Richardson capped Indy's opening drive with a 23-yard touchdown run after twice converting on third-and-10.
REST VS. RUST
Both of these AFC wild-card contenders were coming off a bye week and both looked more rusted than rested.
“It won't be fun looking at the tape,” bemoaned Broncos coach Sean Payton.
Imagine how much worse it'll be for Taylor and the Colts.
INJURIES
Colts WR Alec Pierce left in the first half with a concussion.
Broncos RG Quinn Meinerz (shoulder) and RB Jaleel McLaughlin (thigh) both left late in the third quarter. Surtain got hurt in the fourth, as did DT D.J. Jones (finger).
UP NEXT
The Colts host the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

Colorado's Hunter wins Heisman

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Travis Hunter turned every play into prime time — on both sides of the ball — and ultimately took home the Heisman Trophy.
Now he's got a leg up on his celebrity coach at Colorado.
The two-way star won college football's most prestigious award Saturday night, punctuating a tireless performance all season by a dynamic player with a unique combination of skills.
“Never thought I would be in this position,” a tearful Hunter said as he thanked everyone from his fiancée to family members and former and current coaches. “It's crazy. Belief takes you a long way.”
While posing for countless photos with the iconic statue over the past two days, Hunter made a point not to put his hands on the Heisman. He said he didn't want to touch it unless it was his.
Once it finally was, he grabbed the trophy hard with two hands and let loose a happy scream: “Let's go!”
Next stop, a local spot he reserved to celebrate with teammates.
“I don't like to be out late, but I'm going to be out late tonight,” Hunter said, smiling.
A big-play wide receiver and lockdown cornerback, Hunter dominated on offense and defense for coach Deion Sanders and the Buffaloes, joining late running back Rashaan Salaam in 1994 as the only Heisman winners in school history.
Hunter received 552 first-place votes and 2,231 points in a comfortable victory. Boise State running back Ashton Jeanty was the runner-up with 309 first-place votes and 2,017 points, the closest margin since 2009.
Hunter garnered 80.14% of possible points, the 11th-highest in Heisman Trophy history, and joined Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson (1997) as the only full-time defensive players to claim the prize. Woodson also made some big plays at wideout, but didn't spend nearly as much time on offense as Hunter.



Todd Van Emst/Heisman Trust via

Colorado's Travis Hunter, a two-way star for the Buffaloes, holds the trophy after winning the Heisman Trophy as the outstanding player in college football, Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, in New York.
Oregon quarterback Dillon Gabriel came in third and Miami quarterback Cam Ward finished fourth in balloting for the 90th Heisman Trophy, presented annually since 1935 to the nation's most outstanding player. This year's ceremony was held at Jazz at Lincoln Center in Manhattan, where Sanders was in attendance.
It marked only the fifth time this century a quarterback didn't win. The last time no signal-caller placed in the top two was 2015, when running backs Derrick Henry of Alabama and Christian McCaffrey ran 1-2 in voting.
Hunter also won The Associated Press player of the year among a string of other individual awards this week. He helped spark an impressive turnaround at Colorado, from 4-8 in 2023 when he missed 3 1/2 games because of injuries to 9-3 this year in Sanders' second season. The 20th-ranked Buffaloes got their first bowl bid in four years and will face No. 17 BYU (10-2) in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 28.
Hunter has pledged to play, rather than skip the game to prepare for the NFL draft and prevent any possible injury as many top prospects do. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound junior from Suwanee, Georgia, plans to pass up his senior season in Boulder and is expected to be a top-five pick by the pros — perhaps even No. 1 overall.
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No. 5 Kentucky defeats Louisville 93-85

Bluegrass rivalry enters new era led by Pope, Kelsey

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Transition remains for Mark Pope with No. 5 Kentucky and Pat Kelsey with Louisville, growing pains and all.

But judging from the intensity Saturday for the latest Bluegrass showdown, the first-year coaches have already succeeded in re-igniting excitement into their programs along with the rivalry that had recently become rather stagnant.

“I do think the rivalry is a little bit more important this year than in years past, because Louisville has had a lot of down years recently,” Kentucky senior and Louisville native Daniel Peterson said as he stood in one of several lines for Rupp Arena’s popular soft serve ice cream cones.

“This year, I feel like it matters more.”

Kentucky alum Lisa Finnell, another Louisville native, added, “With new coaches this year, I think it’s going to bring it back a little bit.”

It certainly got off to a good start.

Though the Wildcats’ 93-85 escape at Rupp Arena extended their recent dominance to 10 wins in 12 meetings and 40 of 57 overall against the Cardinals, it was competitive throughout with the outcome settled

in the final minutes. Pretty good start for two revamped programs starting over with newcomers from the transfer portal, and just learning what the rivalry means to past players and their passionate fan bases.

“It was amazing, everything I expected,” said Kentucky guard Lamont Butler, who made all 10 shots including six 3-pointers for a career-high 33 points. He earned a boxing-style belt as the game’s most valuable player.

“There’s a lot of history between Kentucky and Louisville and we just got our first taste. It’s going to be my only taste, but I definitely had fun.”

Things heated up briefly with just over five minutes remaining when Kentucky forward Brandon Garrison stood over Louisville guard Reyne Smith as he laid on the court in front of the Cardinals’ bench after diving for a loose ball. A blanket of red surrounded Garrison before his teammates rushed down the court and some shoving followed, but no punches were thrown. Garrison received only a common foul and stayed in the game.

“Listen, it wouldn’t have been an appropriate game if it was a tension-filled mosh pit down in front of their bench,” Pope said. “That was probably the most fun



AP Photo/James Crisp
Louisville head coach Pat Kelsey questions a call during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Kentucky in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday.

of the game, right?

“But I think you have two organizations right now that have an insane amount of passion about winning and feel all of the joy and intensity and stress of this rivalry.”

That Pope, a 6-foot-11 Wildcats alum who co-captained their dominant 1996 NCAA championship team, and Kelsey got their first taste as coaches was historic itself. Both were hired weeks apart this spring with huge expectations of guiding their marquee programs back into the national title discussion, albeit from completely different base lines.

Pope was hired from BYU to replace Hall of Famer John Calipari after he departed Lexington in April for SEC rival Arkansas after 15 successful seasons, highlighted by the 2012 NCAA title and nearly three dozen first-round NBA picks. Kentucky hasn’t made it past the first weekend of its last three March Madness



AP Photo/James Crisp
Kentucky’s Brandon Garrison (10) is congratulated by head coach Mark Pope (left) and Andrew Carr (right) after making a play during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Louisville in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday.

appearances and was coming off its second first-round exit in three years.

As the cerebral Pope boldly proclaimed before a packed arena this spring that hanging banners is the only thing that matters at Kentucky, he also made clear the importance of beating Louisville. A number of Wildcats greats helped by writing letters to players with their reflections of the rivalry and its impact.

It clearly resonated with the Wildcats and Pope, who has now succeeded as a coach after being on both sides of the outcome as a player under Rick Pitino.

“I’m incredibly proud of our guys. It was a classic rivalry game,” Pope said.

Kelsey was hired in late March with an even taller task of lifting Louisville

from two historically bad seasons under former Cardinals player Kenny Payne, who previously spent 10 years as Calipari’s assistant. (Payne has reunited with Calipari at Arkansas.)

Like Pope at BYU, he had guided Charleston to the Big Dance several times and is expected to work the same magic on a Cardinals team, and right away. That important bottom line had somewhat muted the Bluegrass rivalry until this week.

Saturday not only offered a reminder of what it once was with a raucous sellout crowd, along with what it could be.

“I wish I could do it again,” Louisville guard Terrence Edwards Jr. said. “That’s the greatest atmosphere I’ve ever played in as far as coming into a

Indy Classic features bruising battles

No. 17 Texas A&M 70, No. 11 Purdue 66, No. 20 Wisconsin 83, Butler 74

BY MICHAELMAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — No. 11 Purdue and No. 17 Texas A&M arrived in Indianapolis fully anticipating a bruising battle in the paint.

Steven Crowl made sure No. 20 Wisconsin created a similar image Saturday against Butler.

So, the four teams participating in the second Indy Classic reverted to their more natural styles by relying on some good, old-fashioned physical basketball.

“They’re a tough, hard-nosed, physical team and they certainly play a little differently from some of the teams we’ve played in their league,” Boilermakers coach Matt Painter said after the 70-66 loss. “I just thought they were the tougher team today.”

Painter certainly heard that line coming from opponents for most of the last couple seasons, thanks to having two-time national player of the year Zach Edey in the middle.

But without Edey, Texas A&M (9-2) turned the tables on Purdue.

This time, the Aggies were throwing the ball into the middle and rolling defensive coverages to keep the ball away from

Purdue’s top scorer and newest center of attention, Trey Kaufman-Renn. It worked to perfection. Kaufman-Renn was just 3 of 9 from the field and finished with 11 points, well short of the 18.9 points he was averaging in the Boilermakers’ first 10 games.

For the nation’s best offensive rebounding team, it was all by design.

“Our toughness, that’s our identity,” Aggies guard Zhuric Phelps said. “We harp on that every day, talk about it every day and you guys see it. You know when we play, we play hard and just sticking to our foundation, that’s who we are — is tough.”

Phelps and Pharrel Payne certainly did their part. Each scored 16 points, Payne grabbed nine rebounds and Phelps had four assists in a gritty game where, at times, it seemed every player on the court was hitting the floor.

But after watching the Boilermakers (8-3) claw their way back late, a motivated Crowl made sure he hopped on the bandwagon.

It’s been a rocky start to his fifth season with the Badgers (9-3). Crowl scored 13 points and made only five baskets in his three previous games, all losses, and came to Indy in search of his first double-digit scoring tally since Wisconsin’s second game.

So when the 7-footer opened the game with two early baskets through the chest of Butler defenders, it set an emphatic tone. He finished with a season-high 18 points, six rebounds and

made two 3-pointers after making only three through the first 11 games.

“These past few practices we’ve really been getting into it, making a concerted effort to be aggressive as a team,” Crowl said. “I think the big thing is just being coachable, coming in every day and just working our (butt) off every day and fortunately it paid off tonight.”

Crowl wasn’t the only Wisconsin player benefiting.

Second-year center Nolan Winter, who Crowl has been mentoring, also took full advantage with a career-high 20 points and eight rebounds.

For the Badgers, who hadn’t won a game since Nov. 30, it was about time. They beat Butler, 83-74.

For Butler coach Thad Matta, it was a reminder from his Ohio State days of just how physical Wisconsin can be. And now the Bulldogs (7-4) know it’s their turn to pull the tough guy act when they open Big East play Wednesday at No. 5 Marquette.

“I’ve played like over 120 college games or some ridiculous amount,” Patrick McCaffery said after scoring 16 points against Wisconsin. “So this isn’t the first time I’ve lost three in a row, and just because you lose three games in a row, it doesn’t mean you’re going to have a bad season. It’s just you’ve got to show up the next day, go to practice, put in the work and keep pushing forward.”

Williams’ season-high 30 helps Nebraska pull away from Indiana

LINCOLN, Neb. — Brice Williams scored 11 of his season-high 30 points during a 21-4 run that lifted Nebraska to a 85-68 Big Ten Conference win over Indiana on Friday night.

Kanaan Carlyle’s jumper with 9:57 left pulled Indiana into a 64-64 tie but the Hoosiers got just a Luke Goode 3-pointer and a free throw from Malik Reneau the rest of the way. Williams kicked off the Cornhuskers’ closing run with a layup. His 3-pointer

followed by a Juwan Gary 3 pushed Nebraska to a 78-67 lead.

Williams, who was held to just 11 points in Nebraska’s 89-52 loss to now-No. 21 Michigan State, hit 10 of 15 shots from the field, including 2 of 3 from beyond the arc, and was 8 of 11 from the line while grabbing six rebounds and dishing five assists. The Cornhuskers (7-2, 1-1) were 30 of 49 (61.2%) from the field, including 8 of 14 (57.1%) from long

range. Gary finished with 14 points, Connor Essegian 13 and Andrew Morgan 10.

Myles Rice finished with 20 points and collected four steals to lead the Hoosiers (8-2, 1-1), who were 23 of 65 from the field (35.4%), including 8 of 35 from beyond the arc (22.9%). Reneau finished with 12 points and Trey Galloway contributed 10 while Oumar Ballo pulled down 11 rebounds to go with his eight points.

Bello leads Purdue FW over Eastern Michigan 99-76

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Rasheed Bello had 19 points in Purdue Fort Wayne’s 99-76 victory against Eastern Michigan on Sunday.

Bello also contributed eight assists for the Mastodons (8-4). Jalen Jackson scored 17 points while going 7 of 12 from the floor, including 2 for 5 from 3-point range, and 1 for 3 from the line. Corey Hadnot II had 17 points and shot 6 for 8, including 5 for 6 from beyond the arc.

Jalen Terry led the Eagles (5-5) in scoring, finishing with 28 points. Jalin

Billingsley added 16 points and nine rebounds for Eastern Michigan. Da’Sean Nelson had 10 points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

Purdue Fort Wayne took the lead with 18:46 left in the first half and did not relinquish it. The score was 48-34 at halftime, with Jackson racking up 14 points. Purdue Fort Wayne extended its lead to 56-34 during the second half, fueled by an 8-0 scoring run. Maximus Nelson scored a team-high 12 points in the second half as his team closed out the win.

No. 1 Vols survive in Gainey’s buzzer beater

BY STEVE STEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Jordan Gainey scored on a driving layup as time expired and finished with a career-high 23 points as No. 1 Tennessee extended its season-opening winning streak to 10 games, beating Illinois 66-64 on Saturday.

After Illinois tied the game at 64 on the second of two free throws by Kaspas Jakucionis with 5.7 seconds left, Gainey took control. The Vols’ senior guard inbounded the ball to Igor Milicic, got it back and raced three-quarters the length of the court and scored over Jakucionis as time ran out.

Chaz Lanier scored 17 points for Tennessee before fouling out with 3:42 left. Milicic had 14 rebounds and a key steal and dunk with 1:32 remaining that put the Vols up 64-62.

Tennessee has won its first 10 games in a season for the first time in 25 years.

Jakucionis scored 22 points for Illinois (7-3). Tre White had 11 points and Kylan Boswell and Will Riley added 10 apiece.

Tennessee led 31-30 at halftime and finished 20 of 28 from the line. Illinois hit 30 of 36 free throw tries.

TAKEAWAYS

Tennessee: The Vols should retain their No. 1 spot in the AP poll with the win.

Illinois: The Illini failed to win the rebounding battle for the first time this season, trailing 42-37.

KEY MOMENT

Tennessee hadn’t trailed by more than three points this season before falling behind 8-0 in the first half. The Vols rallied and moved ahead at 18-17.

KEY STAT

Tennessee is 9-1 in games in which they are ranked No. 1 in coach Rick Barnes’ 10 seasons and is 10-2 all-time. Illinois fell to 3-23 all-time vs. No. 1-ranked teams.

game. I was just extra excited and everybody was, too.

“We knew this game was huge, we came in, tried to answer a couple runs, came up short, but it’s like no other. Guys in the hotel, when you come out you see the L’s down and stuff like that, that really makes you want to win the game. But it was a great atmosphere.”

A win would have made it even better for Louisville, considering it hung tough with Kentucky despite having just eight healthy scholarship players available. Kelsey took heart in that and noted that his Cardinals must continue competing just as hard with Atlantic Coast Conference play resuming next week against Florida State.

And a rivalry loss to learn from.

“I think it’s one of the really cool rivalries in all of American sports,” Kelsey said. “We have to do our part and win some to continue to make it a rivalry.”

“I did take a minute to truly appreciate how special it was. ... 365 days until the next time we play again, and I’m going to be reminded about four million times when that game is coming up. And we’ll be looking forward to it.”

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IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
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ORDER SETTING HEARING
Comes now Vick Copeland, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on February 11, 2025 at 11:30 am
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December 10, 2024
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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID Trimble County Schools (TCS) will receive sealed bids and award a contract for: TRIMBLE COUNTY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION, Bedford, KY. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Trimble County Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria at 1029 US-421, Bedford, KY 40006. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at the Trimble County Board of Education, Administrative Offices at 116 Wentworth Avenue, Bedford, Kentucky, 40006, at which time and place bids will be opened and read aloud. Bidders must be present at the bid opening. Bid documents are prepared by PICKETT / PASSAFIUME / ARCHITECTS, PLLC will be available on Tuesday December 17, 2024 at Lynn Imaging Plan Room at www.lynnimaging.com. TCS reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in bids received where such acceptance, rejection, or waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.
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Southern Indiana routs Shawnee State

EVANSVILLE — Stephen Olowoniyi scored 18 points as Southern Indiana beat Shawnee State 91-56 on Sunday.

Olowoniyi also contributed five rebounds for the Screaming Eagles (5-5). Damoni Harrison scored

17 points and added five rebounds. Braxton Jones shot 4 for 11 (1 for 6 from 3-point range) and 4 of 5 from the free-throw line to finish with 13 points.

Donovan Lovelace led the way for the Bears with 12 points and seven rebounds. AJ Belton and

Cory Gardner added nine points apiece.

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The purpose of this meeting is to Review /Adopt /Deny the Guidelines for Hanover Township Assistance, Office Procedures and Policies, and Agreement between Hanover Volunteer Fire Dept. and Hanover Township Board.

Lucy J. Anderson
Hanover Township Trustee
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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2411-EU-000078 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF NORMAN LEE CARLISLE, DECEASED.

WILLIAM JOSEPH JENNER, Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe, 307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMAN LEE CARLISLE, DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that Toni Martin was, on the 22nd day of November, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Norman Lee Carlisle, deceased, who died on the 30th day of October, 2024.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 22nd day of November, 2024

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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Town of Hanover Board of Zoning Appeals
Hanover Community Center, 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover, IN 47243

Pursuant to applicable law, the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Hanover Park Building, 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover, Indiana 47243.

Request for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance for building a garage for auto detailing.

The property location: 246 East Main St., Hanover, IN 47243, zoned as B-1
The Petitioner and Owner
Tyler Ashby

The Contact Person is: Scott Williams, Hanover Superintendent for Streets & Utilities. Questions may be answered by calling Town Hall at (812) 866-2131 during normal business hours. Written comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed business may be filed with Hanover Town Hall prior to or at the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing may need to be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Said Public Hearing will be open to the public and any objectors will be heard at this meeting.

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Taylor M. Hamilton No. 30338-10
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Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Ben Flint
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Pacers blitz struggling Pelicans 119-104

Pacers trade with Miami for Bryant

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Pascal Siakam scored 22 points and Tyrese Haliburton added 21 points and 10 assists to lead the Indiana Pacers past the struggling New Orleans Pelicans 119-104 on Sunday.

Andrew Nembhard had 17 points, and Myles Turner finished with 14 points and four blocks as the Pacers won for the third time in four games.

Brandon Boston scored 20 points to lead five Pelicans players in double figures. Dejounte Murray and Herbert Jones each scored

19 points while Murray had seven rebounds and seven assists.

New Orleans had 18 turnovers and was 10 of 33 from 3-point range in its fourth straight loss. The Pelicans have lost 13 of 14 since mid-November.

Indiana swung the game with its second-quarter defense. New Orleans scored only 14 points in those 12 minutes, falling into a 59-42 halftime deficit. The Pacers extended the lead to as many as 23 points in the third quarter and coasted through the fourth.

Haliburton and Obi Toppin each made four 3s, accounting for half of Indiana's 16 3s.

TRADING PLACES

The Miami Heat traded former Indiana Hoosier Thomas Bryant to the



AP Photo Darron Cummings

The Miami Heat traded Thomas Bryant to the Indiana Pacers in exchange for the right to swap second-round picks in 2031, the teams announced Sunday. The former Indiana Hoosier was in action for the Pacers later that evening.

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The trade terms were agreed to on Friday. League rules prevented the trade from becoming official until Sunday.

The Heat would get the more favorable second-round selection in that draft. Bryant, averaging 4.1 points in 10 games off the bench for Miami this season, joined the Pacers in time for their Sunday game against New Orleans. Indi-

ana becomes his fifth team, after pre-Miami stints with the Washington Wizards, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Denver Nuggets.

He fills a need at backup center for Indiana, which was seeking depth behind Myles Turner. The Heat open up a roster spot and free up some of the logjam at the post position, with Nikola Jovic and rookie Kel'el Ware among those getting backup minutes behind Bam Adebayo.

Bryant is earning \$2.1 million this season.

TAKEAWAYS

Pelicans: A rash of injuries has hit New Orleans hard, and Sunday's contest was yet another illustration. It was overwhelmed as last season's highest-scoring offense seems to be rounding into form.

KEY MOMENT

New Orleans scored just two points over the final 4:15 of the first half, and Indiana took full advantage by extending an eight-point lead to 17 at the half.

KEY STAT

Indiana finished the game with nine blocks, eight in the first half when they pulled away.

UP NEXT

Indiana begins a three-game trip Thursday at Phoenix.

NBA expansion to Las Vegas feels inevitable

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

LAS VEGAS — Milwaukee coach Doc Rivers has heard and seen enough. He's convinced there will be an NBA team in Las Vegas.

"Yeah, they're going to get it," Rivers said.

It's no secret that when NBA expansion happens — nobody has revealed exactly when that will be — Las Vegas will be at the front of the list of candidate cities to get one of what will probably be two new clubs, pushing the league to 32 franchises. And given the way the NBA Cup and other NBA events have been received, probably nobody would say that coming to the Nevada desert full-time would be a bad idea.

"I think it would be great," said Oklahoma City star Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, whose team will play Milwaukee in the NBA Cup final on Tuesday night. "The Cup is here. Summer League is here. We can feel the basketball culture in Vegas as players when we come. I think it's only a matter of time. The city really embraces basketball, and they deserve it for sure."

LeBron James has said multiple times that he wants to be part of the ownership group when the league expands to Vegas. Commissioner Adam Silver said earlier this year that Las Vegas would "definitely" be a candidate when it's time to discuss expansion, which is believed to be the next major item on the league's to-do list. The city already hosts the league's annual Summer League extravaganza, has been an All-Star host, now has the NBA Cup final and one of the WNBA's top franchises in the Las Vegas Aces.

Put it this way: In a city where no wager is a sure thing, betting on Vegas to join the NBA would come pretty close.

"Nothing's been set, and we haven't even determined whether to expand yet," Silver said in November, the last time he spoke at a news conference on the expansion topic. "My sense is that if we expanded, we'd do an even number, because then we might have to do some adjustments in the conferences. But I think it makes sense to have two conferences of 16 teams if we were to do it. There have been times in the past in the NBA when we had an odd number, so it's possible. But I think we most likely, if we were to expand, would look to expand to two cities."

Seattle is another city that everybody mentions as a top candidate for expansion. Mexico City could be a serious candidate at some

point. Louisville, Kansas City, Nashville and Montreal are believed to have investment groups that want to talk about getting into the league.

Las Vegas, the gambling hub of the U.S., was once essentially off-limits to pro sports leagues. Obviously, that is no longer the case. Vegas has a two-time WNBA title-winning team in the Aces and that league's best player in A'ja Wilson, a Stanley Cup winner in hockey's Vegas Golden Knights, the NFL's Raiders and is expected to have Major League Baseball when the Athletics' relocation is likely to be completed in time for the 2028 season. And with Summer League and the NBA Cup, it already feels like the city is truly part of the NBA.

The city has obvious distractions — glitz, glamour, gambling, nightlife. Those don't get in the way of players handling business when in town for games, Bucks guard Damian Lillard said.

"I'm not 22 or 23 years old. I've been to Vegas many times, and I've had fun in Vegas," Lillard said. "I've been here for Summer League playing. I've been here during Summer League. I've been here for a lot of fights; I'm a big boxing fan. I know what I'm here for this time, and it is not to enjoy Vegas."

Saturday's Cup semifinals — Milwaukee beating Atlanta behind a monster effort from Giannis Antetokounmpo, and Oklahoma City beating Houston in a predictable show of top defenses — even featured a red-carpet entrance much like award shows.

The Raiders sent pretty much their entire defensive line. The Aces had some of their players sitting court-side, getting huge screams from the crowd when introduced. Former NBA players like Oscar Robertson, Blake Griffin, Chandler Parsons, Lou Williams, Joakim Noah, Deron Williams, Rip Hamilton and Gary Payton were all there. And that doesn't even count the likes of Shaquille O'Neal, Charles Barkley and Kenny Smith, all there as part of TNT's broadcast team.

When it happens, when Vegas officially gets a team, it's pretty clear that it'll be popular immediately.

"I love it as a host city," Rivers said. "I mean, this city is a convention, big event city. This is a big event, so it's perfect for this. ... I'm assuming Vegas will be in the NBA someday. Baseball is here, football is here, and everything else is here, right? So, we need to come as well. I think it would be great. I think it will happen."

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| 8 | WISH | 12 | | News (N) | | Inside.. | ET (N) | WWE NXT (N) (Live) | | | News (N) | | News | |
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| 19 | WXIX | 10 | | FOX19 | FOX19 | Wheel | Jeopar.. | LEGO Masters (N) | | | FOX19 (N) | | FOX19 | |
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| DISN | | 25 | 29 | Bluey | Bluey | Big City | Big City | ★ Encanto: Sing-Along | | | Place | Place | (c35) NY-Heroez | |
| ESPN | | 32 | 44 | SportCtr (N) | | College Basketball | | | College Football | | | | | |
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| HBO | | 201 | 17 | GetMil.. | (c45) ★★★★★ Invictus ('09) | Morgan Freeman. | | | Hard (N) | | Hard Knocks | | Dune | |
| MAX | | 270 | 73 | (c15) ★★ The Last Witch Hunter | | | | ★★★★ Gangs of New York ('02) | | | | | (c45) ★ Anthropoid | |
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| PARMT | | 35 | 41 | TwoM.. | TwoM.. | TwoM.. | TwoM.. | ★★★★ Top Gun: Maverick ('22) Tom Cruise. | | | | | | TBA |
| PARSHO | | 221 | 16 | (c05) ★★★★★ The Italian Job ('03) | | | | Dexter: Sin | | ★ The Dead Don't Hurt ('23) | | | | Agency |
| TMC | | 233 | 74 | (c15) ★★★★★ Hard Eight ('96) | | | | ★★★★ Heat ('95) | | | Robert De Niro, Al Pacino. | | | ★ Net |
| TNT | | 27 | 43 | The Showdown: Rory/Scottie vs. Bryson/Brooks (N) (Live) | | | | | | | ★★★★ Pain & Gain ('13) | | | |
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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle

by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

1 Hit the ground

5 Male deer

9 Luigi's brother in video games

10 Bring along

12 Flip, as a house

13 Low self-___

15 Latin ballroom dance

16 Breathe heavily

18 Back muscle, for short

20 Enamored

21 "We ___ Kings"

22 Singer ___ Nas X

23 Female deer

24 Weeps

25 Make a purchase

27 Come to a close

28 Birds that lay eggs

29 President or prime minister

30 Wacoal products

31 Rock music group

32 Find not guilty

35 Honda products

36 Relaxing resort

39 Hypes up

40 Do some whittling

41 Refuse to share

42 Spanish cheer

43 Rio carnival dance

44 Phony

45 Unruly crowd

46 Double-reed instrument

47 Cooked in an oven

48 Reminisce

51 Filled with cargo

53 Give birth to a calf

54 Suffers defeat

55 Require

56 Storage shelter

DOWN

1 Cowboy's rope

2 Carpeting measurement

3 Zilch

4 Miami's NFL team

5 Parts of movies

6 Have a bite of

7 State-of-the-___

8 College senior's test: Abbr.

9 Thawed

11 Raised one's voice

12 Wouldn't stop talking: 2 wds.

14 Bangor's state

15 Cole slaw or French fries

17 Greek war god

19 Letters before an email summary: Abbr.

21 Good dog's reward

24 Actor Hemsworth

25 Intuit

26 Tablet of paper

29 Immature insect

30 "Close ___ no cigar"

31 Pieces of weightlifting equipment

32 Chemistry particle

33 Hue

34 Montréal's province

35 Disguising pattern, for short

36 Thick dairy drinks

37 Jabbed

38 Matured

40 Sent a telegram

43 Figure out

44 Sun-bleached

47 Acid neutralizer

49 Is able to

50 Pub beverage

52 ___ and aah

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ACROSS

1 Cured pork

4 St. Teresa of ___

9 Go off-script: 2 wds.

14 Flying saucer: Abbr.

15 ___ and eggs

16 Honking birds

17 Elvis's estate

19 Gets better

20 Paying tribute to

21 Red gemstone

22 Capital of Belgium

24 Feeling low

27 "Te ___" (Spanish "I love you")

28 Old pro

33 Sing like Bing Crosby

35 ___ a la mode

36 Gripping tool

37 Grownup

38 Complete

39 Boxer's "dukes"

40 "Copacabana" showgirl

41 Newton fruit

42 On the ball

43 Church service parts

45 ___ Lanka

47 Contact info: Abbr.

48 Educators

51 Slender in build

55 "O'er the ___ we watched..."

59 Actress McDonald

60 Award hung on a ribbon

61 Monty Python's Michael

62 "Aida," for example

63 Paid player

64 Velvety leather

65 Annoying

66 Do some stitching

DOWN

1 Actor Grant

2 Jimi Hendrix hairstyle

3 Complain

4 Deviant

5 Antianxiety drug

6 "Just watch me!": 3 wds.

7 Years

8 Salt ___ pepper

9 Mortified

10 Stag or doe

11 Low in fat

12 Archipelago part

13 Second to none

18 Male swan

21 Sheer delight

23 "The Lost Bookshop" author Woods

24 Top of the head

25 Intense feeling

26 Childbirth helper

29 Wicked

30 Resurrected

31 Houston MLB player

32 Birds' abodes

34 Drugstore skincare brand

35 Sow or boar

38 MasterCard competitor

39 Honorable game conduct: 2 wds.

41 Worry

44 Gas used as fuel

45 Color variations

46 Comment

49 Thin French pancake

50 Comedian

51 Drains energy from

52 Hawaiian feast

53 Just sitting there

54 Part of a crossword

56 Lacerates

57 Went at top speed

58 Winter weather

60 Floor-cleaning tool

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Friend takes too many leftovers after holiday meals

Dear Eric: I have been sharing Thanksgiving with dear friends for decades. About three years ago, they learned a friend of mine, with whom they are acquainted, had no plans for the day. So, she has been invited and now attends annually.

These are kind and generous friends, so they offer their guests the opportunity to take home doggie bags. My friend is first in line and often takes enough for two to three people, regardless of the amount of food remaining and the number of people there.

She then freezes the bounty since she will be gone (her family does Thanksgiving the weekend after).

My hosting friends are too nice to say anything to her. She is financially stable, so it's not that she isn't sure where her next meal is coming from. Also, the hosts provide the entire meal, so she brings nothing to the

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ASKING ERIC

mix. Although tone-deaf, my friend is extremely sensitive, so I am reluctant to say anything. Do you have any advice?

Do I just accept that this is how my friend is (she has taken advantage of other situations in the past) or say something?

— Embarrassed Friend

Dear Friend: Some might call this greedy; some might call it prudent. Some might say it's a metaphor for the ills of society. But if the hosts don't have a problem with it, neither should you.

I understand the feeling of secondhand embarrassment, since she's someone that you know better than them. So, you may want to ask them if her habit with the leftovers is something they've noticed or are bothered by. But, as the hosts, they're setting the table and the parameters. They're not asking anyone to bring anything and they're encouraging their guests to take food home. If they wanted to set a limit on the number or size of doggie bags, they could.

Husband connects with 'professional tease'

Dear Eric: I have been married to my husband almost 10 years; we have two children. I will not lie and say these past years haven't been without challenge. Separation and divorce have been tossed around.

Lately, my husband goes out quite frequently at all hours of the night. My gut has been telling me something is not right, so I went through his phone. Not great, I know, but I felt direct questioning would have led to gaslighting.

I found him within the last two weeks engaging in conversation with a woman who describes herself as a professional tease, with all the pictures to go with it. My husband eventually followed up by asking to meet and hang out.

I am — to the bottom of my soul — enraged (at him, not her) and hurt. And so many other emotions. When I confronted him, he immediately said, "This isn't me, I didn't do this. Something is wrong with my phone. I just got this phone." He told me I'm overreacting even though the language, even the emojis used, are his usual tone.

I am seeking counseling. He is not an easy person to talk to; he does not like to be contradicted in his own self-image. I don't know how to move forward in the

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meantime. Please, what advice can you offer? I'm so lost. I'm just trying to be strong for myself and our kids.

— Feeling Hopeless

Dear Feeling: You're allowed to hold this for as long as it serves you. Your husband responded to your legitimate feelings of hurt and betrayal by lying to you when he should have taken responsibility and made amends. That doesn't give you anything to rebuild on.

Even if he's not physically cheating, it's clear from your feelings and his response that this texting relationship crossed a boundary in your relationship. He needs to address that, and if he can't or won't, you can't move forward. If he won't talk to you directly, see if he'll go to couples counseling with you. This isn't your problem to fix alone.

In your one-on-one counseling, try to work through the pain you're feeling. It won't all dissipate right away, but it will be helpful to talk it through with someone who will listen, who can help you process and who won't dismiss what you're saying. You can also talk with your counselor about actions you can take to preserve your peace and your children's well-being. That might mean separation or divorce. You don't need his permission to explore those options. You can decide what's best for you right now.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Elevate and boost your productivity today. With your sharp mind, it might be a good time for studying, gathering data, and making detailed plans. You may keep your finances secure by letting your money stay comfortably in your pocket.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Objectivity may be your greatest asset. While compliments from others might seem insincere, your generous nature could allow you to rise above minor doubts. Embrace the opportunity to do something entirely unique and different to help others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're so observant and astute, that you could be thought of as someone wise beyond their years. You may finalize your vacation plans but decide to hold off on making important career or partnership changes and decisions for now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It may be tempting to use your resources just to gear up for possible success. Consider waiting for a more opportune time to purchase long lasting gifts. Driving around at night to see seasonal lighting displays may uplift your spirits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Speed isn't a substitute for good judgment. Explore ways to travel more mindfully to reach your destination safely. Someone might oppose your ideas but be open to listening to their perspective. You may learn something when you least expect it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may be a bit confused by recent interactions. You might be experiencing mixed signals, as someone could keep you at a distance while simultaneously inviting you closer. Consider honoring your heart and intuition above all else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Mysteries may be unraveled and puzzles solved when crucial information is shared. You may have a chance to advance in the business world. Consider forging new alliances within your network and maintaining open lines of communication.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Don't let small problems become bigger than they are by hiding them. Someone might point out unavoidable drawbacks in your enthusiastic ideas. You may be able to find a way out of any challenge by being wise and reasonable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — If you are down in the dumps or briefly discouraged just remember that tomorrow is another day. You might be feeling more sensitive to negativity today. Consider asking someone for a pep talk or ask for some commonsense advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Sharing with others may show you care. Reach out to old friends to catch up or call home to discuss holiday plans. In professional or passion projects, if you're on the right track, you could receive clear signals for opportunities to act.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Seek out a good deed to perform for someone. This may be a chance to share some of your abundance and good fortune with those who are less fortunate. An old adversary might even be ready to concede a point if you offer an apology.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A clear mind may foster clear thinking. Consider avoiding excessive caffeine, reducing your social media intake, and spending some time in the fresh air. You might be particularly sensitive to stimulants and even the mildest distractions.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might be searching for the perfect last-minute gifts. Be careful not to get caught up in jealousy and comparison, someone might be trying to bring you down out of envy for your successes. Don't let it get to you or take it personally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Enjoy holiday tunes as you make your rounds. You might feel in your element coordinating social gatherings or festive celebrations. Anticipate receiving the answer to a long-standing question that's been on your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — While standing out in a crowd might benefit your reputation, it could overshadow your peers or invite unwanted criticism. Focus on being a team player, sharing the responsibilities and rewards so everyone can take pride in success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A better offer for a new credit card or to make an investment may seem to come out of thin air. Consider exploring ways to tap into trusting your instincts. Celebrate holidays by attending seasonal gatherings with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Find a balance between being daring and dangerous. You may benefit from pushing your way forward but make sure you're safe and prepared. If someone takes you up on your challenge, you might find yourself unprepared, outsmarted or embarrassed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may experience a heightened attention to detail. This could be an ideal time to wrap up projects or add the finishing touches to a project or creative endeavor. Remember to be mindful of sensitive subjects to avoid any misunderstandings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — A sheep that wanders away from the flock might be more likely to face peril. There's safety in numbers, so stay close to those you trust. It may be best to stick to what you know rather than making changes to your tried-and-true routine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Imagining the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow might help you finish your tasks. Use your imagination to tickle the fancy of a loved one by finding a last minute and unexpected present. You can never go wrong being your glamorous self.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Get ready to celebrate the season. Your social calendar could likely be packed with festive events and celebrations. Dive in and smooth over any insensitive comments before the day is done. A little gentle persuasion may go a long way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Once you put your ideas in motion you might not stop until you see your passion through. A sense of peace and harmony may be triggered by the holiday spirit. New connections and interactions could seem especially enjoyable this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Holiday celebrations and seasonal events might take up a lot of your time. Today may be ideal for last-minute gift shopping or sprucing up your place. Your loved ones could be more affectionate than usual under these stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Strengthen relationships, instead of breaking them down. Consider new ways to lift someone's confidence and encourage them to pursue their goals. Set aside the chisel, bury the hatchet, and offer sincere apologies when necessary.

Mahomes throws 2 TDs, leaves with ankle injury in Chiefs’ 21-7 win

BY TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS SPORTS WRITER

CLEVELAND — The only thing the Chiefs had to worry about in the final minutes Sunday was Patrick Mahomes’ ankle.

Mahomes threw two touchdown passes before limping off with an ankle injury in the fourth quarter, Xavier Worthy ran for a score and Kansas City finally had a relatively easy win, 21-7 over the mistake-prone Cleveland Browns.

Mahomes connected for TDs in the first half with Juju Smith-Schuster and Noah Gray

as the Chiefs (13-1) built a 21-0 lead and then slogged their way through an ugly second half.

The defending Super Bowl champions have 10 wins by seven points or less, with six coming on the game’s final play.

Mahomes didn’t finish the game, leaving when he got his ankle rolled up on while being tackled by Dalvin Tomlinson on a fourth-down incompletion. Carson Wentz replaced him for the final 5:23. Mahomes finished 19 of 38 for 159 yards.

After the game, Mahomes said

X-rays were negative. He said he would have lobbied harder to stay in if the Browns had gotten within one score.

“We’ll get into the rehab part, the treatment part and try to get back on a short week,” said Mahomes, noting the Chiefs will play again Saturday — the second of three games in 11 days.

“With all the adrenaline from the game, it’s hard to tell now (if he can play). Usually, it’s the day after when you get a good sense of it.”

Before Wentz went in,

Mahomes had his left ankle re-taped while on the bench. He walked gingerly off the field but didn’t favor it while in the locker room or going to his postgame news conference. He was driven to the Chiefs’ buses on a cart.

Coach Andy Reid was relieved Mahomes was not more seriously hurt.

“It’s not broken, that’s all I can tell you,” Reid said. “We’ll have to see how it goes down the road.”

The Browns (3-11) tried to put up a fight, but had six turnovers. Other than a 62-yard TD run from

Jerome Ford, Cleveland had few offensive highlights and too many self-inflicted miscues.

Jameis Winston threw more three interceptions — two in the end zone to give him eight in his last three games — and the Browns had two fumbles. The five turnovers made things much easier on Mahomes and the Chiefs, not that they needed a lot of help.

Cleveland running back Nick Chubb suffered a broken foot. It’s another setback for the star, who had a devastating knee injury last season.

COLORADO

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“He wants to be great at everything,” Sanders said. “He wants to have a commitment to excellence in everything he does — including fishing.”

Showcasing his blazing speed and explosive playmaking, Hunter rarely came off the field this year — making him an every-down throwback to generations gone by and the first full-time, true two-way star in decades.

On offense, he had 92 catches for 1,152 yards and 14 touchdowns, plus a rushing score. On defense, he made four interceptions, 32 tackles, broke up 11 passes and forced a critical fum-

ble that secured an overtime victory against Baylor.

With the Buffaloes winning games and challenging for a Big 12 title, he soared from a long-shot underdog in Heisman futures last summer to a heavy betting favorite this week.

All the while, striking the Heisman pose with teammates to celebrate big plays as it became more and more clear Hunter was the man to beat.

“I definitely can kick, (too). I’ve just got to practice,” he said. “I can’t stop moving when I’m not on the field.”

Hunter played nearly 700 snaps each on offense and defense — the only Power Four conference player with 30-plus snaps on both sides of the ball, according to Colorado research.

It would seem an overly

exhausting workload for any player these days, both mentally and physically, but not Hunter.

“I think I laid the ground for more people to come in and go two ways,” he said Friday. “It starts with your mindset. If you believe you can do it, then you’ll be able to do it. And also, I do a lot of treatment. I keep up with my body. I get a lot of recovery.”

Rated the country’s top recruit in the 2022 class, Hunter stunned many observers when he committed to play for Sanders at Jackson State, an HBCU that competes in the lower-level FCS, with the promise of playing both offense and defense.

“A lot of people told me I couldn’t do it,” said Hunter, wearing white shoes and a light blue suit — his favorite color. “I always say I’m going to prove

them wrong and I’m going to prove myself right.”

After one season, Hunter followed Sanders to Colorado and was a consensus All-America selection as an all-purpose player last year despite sitting out three games with a lacerated liver caused by a late hit.

Following his recovery, a healthy Hunter finished strong in 2023 and then really took off this season, catching passes from Shedeur Sanders, the coach’s son, and becoming Colorado’s first Heisman Trophy finalist in 30 years.

The 21-year-old Hunter, who plans to get married in May, is the sixth transfer to take the award over the past eight years and the first winner to begin his career in the FCS.

“Look where I’m at. It paid

off,” Hunter said.

“I wanted to be different,” he added later. “Me being different makes me feel more comfortable than doing the norm.”

Deion Sanders, nicknamed Prime Time during his playing days — seemingly by himself — was a two-time All-America defensive back at Florida State and finished eighth in 1988 Heisman voting.


An electrifying kick returner, who also played major league baseball by the way, Neon Deion went on to a Hall of Fame career as an NFL cornerback but mostly just dabbled on offense besides a 36-catch season with the 1996 Dallas Cowboys.

Nothing quite like Hunter, who now has Heisman bragging rights on Coach Prime forever.

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